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'Classical Native' features young artists

Chickasaw composers' works performed at Kennedy Center

From left, Chickasaw composers Jerod Tate, Wyas Parker, Kate Duty and Courtney Parchcorn, Division of Arts and Humanities administrator Lona Barrick, and Debra Bailey, special projects director.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Performances of classical music compositions by three Chickasaws students drew thunderous applause at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Saturday, Nov. 8.

The compositions of young Chickasaw artists Wyas Parker, Courtney Parchcorn and Kate Duty, all of Ada, were performed before a capacity crowd at the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage. The performances were part of the "Classical Native" program.

Classical Native, now in its third year, is a series of recitals, chamber concerts and discussions conducted by the National Museum of the American Indian. In prior years, the event featured professional American Indian classical composers and musicians. This year organizers included student composers.

The Ambrosia Quartet, an accomplished and respected student string quartet from the Settlement Music School in Philadelphia, performed the compositions at the Kennedy Center and at the Museum.

The three Chickasaw students were selected for the unique opportunity based on works they composed during the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby said he was very pleased to see these young people experience this opportunity.

"One of our primary goals in developing the arts academy was to help students realize the range of opportunities available to them," said Gov. Anoatubby. "This kind of experience can help them understand those opportunities are within reach and inspire these students, and others, to focus their energies in pursuit of their goals."

Howard Bass, Cultural Arts Manager of the Museum, helped organize the event. He said professional composers investing in teaching was an important result of the event.

"I think for these students to come here and see their work performed and hear audiences cheering and be in venues like

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'Topping Out' crowns health care structure

From left, Flintco, Inc. officials Mark Grimes, Randy Holland and Ken Smith; Governor Bill Anoatubby; and Chickasaw Nation Health System administrator Bill Lance. The men are gathered in front of the Chickasaw Nation health care facility under construction south of Ada.

A special "Topping Out" ceremony was conducted Thursday, November 13 to commemorate milestones reached during construction of the new Chickasaw Nation health care facility in Ada, Oklahoma.

Ground was broken for the new facility on November 9, 2007 and Flintco, Inc., was granted the order to proceed with official construction on November 12, 2007, almost one year to the day of the "Topping Out" ceremony.

Consistent growth in the number of patient visits along with citizens' input led to construction of the new facility, which will be almost triple the size of the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility.

The new 370,000 square-foot facility will feature a 72-bed hospital, level 3 emergency department, ambulatory care facility, diabetes care center, dental clinic, diagnostic imaging center and women's health center, all on one campus.

Remarkable progress has been made over the past year.

More than 400 concrete underground piers have been in-

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Season's Greetings

Season's Greetings and warm holiday wishes to all Chickasaws!

We are all richly blessed to be Chickasaw. We pray those blessings will be multiplied many times in the lives of our children, our grandchildren and coming Chickasaw generations.

Gov. BILL ANOATUBBY

We extend special holiday wishes to our Chickasaw servicemen and women, stationed around the world. Wherever you are serving, our prayers are for your safety and your return to loved ones.

Best holiday wishes to our veterans, who have served our people and our country so well.

May our Chickasaw elders be blessed. We wish for you a joyous season filled with rich memories and the closeness of family and friends.

And let us remember those who have trouble in life and those who lack the daily necessities for living. Our prayer is to promote peace in the world by helping others.

May all Chickasaw people experience a season of peace and fullness of spirit.

God bless you, your family, our country and our beloved tribe.

Bill Anoatubby
Governor

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
September 19, 2008

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Members absent: Scott Colbert, Donna Hartman

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel, Marilyn Coltz, Administrative Assistant

Guests present: Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Mike Watson, Michael L. Wingo, Ashley Large, Traile G. Glory, Tony Choate

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - August 15, 2008

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. Green to approve the August 15, 2008 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of August 15, 2008 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No Report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 25-101, Approval of Development Budget Amendment

The construction of the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur has created the need for a structure to house and maintain equipment and personnel to help support the center. This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Sulphur Facilities & Support Shop/Office Building, Project Number 20-0079-08 in the amount of $83,580.00.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR25-101.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-101 carried unanimously.

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

No report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 25-084, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County, McAlester Watershed

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Antero Resources Corporation, of Denver, Colorado. Antero Resources Corporation has submitted an acceptable bid of $4,275.00 per acre for a total bonus of $345,505.50. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $86,376.38, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The Lease contains 80.82 acres more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $242.46. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $60.62 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR25-084.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-084 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-085, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County Tribal Tract 1203

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Antero Resources Corporation of Denver, Colorado. Antero Resources Corporation has submitted an acceptable bid of $2,750.00 per acre for a total bonus of $55,000.00. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $13,750.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations containing 20.00 acres more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $60.00. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $15.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mr. Worez to approve GR25-085.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-085 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-086, Oil and Gas Lease in Sequoyah and LeFlore counties Arkansas River Bed

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Cardinal River Energy I LP, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Cardinal River Energy has submitted an acceptable bid of $207.00 per acre for a total bonus of $5,441.20. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $680.15, on property belonging to the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations containing 26.286 acres more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $78.85. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $9.86 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR25-086.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-086 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-087, Oil and Gas Lease in Sequoyah and LeFlore Counties Arkansas River Bed

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Cardinal River Energy I LP, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Cardinal River Energy has submitted an acceptable bid of $207.00 per acre for a total bonus of $28,899.27. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $3,612.41, on property belonging to the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw

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New ideas help stem tide of methamphetamine

Pragmatic, cooperative enforcement key to success

Lighthorse Officer Steve Cash

Success stories can be rare when fighting the war against drugs, but to Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Special Agent Steve Cash, those rare cases make his job worthwhile.

Cash's main objective is to keep drugs, especially methamphetamine, off the streets.

"I truly like to make a difference," he said.

Since he began working with Lighthorse Police over three years ago, Cash has brought the expertise and knowledge of methamphetamine awareness and safety to the forefront of tribal government and communities within the Chickasaw Nation.

Cash began his career at the Shawnee Police Department in 1997, a time when Oklahoma was gripped by an epidemic of methamphetamine produced in crude home laboratories.

He was instrumental in developing and implementing programs with retailers and business owners to log and track suspected methamphetamine producers in Oklahoma. The program was based on the purchase of quantities of decongestant tablets, containing pseudoephedrine, an ingredient essential to the manufacture of methamphetamine.

While at Shawnee, he also worked with the District Attorney's Drug Task Force.

After his move to Lighthorse Police in 2005, Cash coordinated a multi-jurisdictional drug task force that included Lighthorse Police, Oklahoma District 22, the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics (OBN) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) within the 14 southern Oklahoma counties of the Chickasaw Nation.

As Drug Task Commander, has also provided much needed training tribal police officers and staff members.

"I train officers in the hazards of meth and the current trends," he said.

Prior to his promotion to Supervisory Special Agent, Cash was instrumental in participating in the 2006 National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws in relation to methamphetamine legislative policy planning.

Currently, he supervises Lighthorse agents who are responsible for major crime investigations, and he is the manager for the Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse grant.

Along with his supervisory duties, he still works crime cases and has recently been working with the federal Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) methamphetamine grant, which helps state and local law enforcement agencies reduce the production, distribution and use of methamphetamine.

Cash grew up in the Holdenville, Wewoka, and Seminole areas and graduated from Holdenville High School. In 1993, he earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from East Central University.

He said he enjoys working for the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department.

"I enjoy working for the Chickasaw Nation," he said. "Everything they do is top notch. Lighthorse Police are well funded, and well equipped."

Cash lives in Tecumseh, Okla., with his wife, Summer, and their four boys, Gunner, 10, Jacob, seven, Dawson, six, and Logan, four.

In his free time, he coaches peewee football for second- and fourth-graders.

It is here he sees the positive results of his work.

"There are boys on the football team I pulled out of their high chairs during raids on meth houses, and now I am proud to be a positive role model for those children," he said.

For more information about Lighthorse Police Department, log on to www.chickasaw.net. Mr. Cash was also invited to be a guest speaker for the California Attorney General's Office 2006 Tribal and State Justice Summit in San Francisco California. Mr. Cash presented the benefits and successes of cross deputation agreements and the suppression of drugs and increase in public safety.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Honor Guard member honored to be part of unit

Chickasaw Honor Guard member Ben Willis

When Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard member Ben Willis joined the Navy in 1955, he'd never been out of Oklahoma's Love County.

Now, he looks back fondly at the parts of the world he experienced while serving his country.

"I remember being in Cannes (France)," said the Marietta native, "it was a real hot spot…the beaches were just perfect."

France wasn't the only place he saw while working on an aircraft carrier. He traveled throughout Spain, Italy, Turkey, Greece and several other places along the Mediterranean Sea.

"To someone like me, it was like a pleasure cruise," Mr. Willis said.

When he was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1959, Mr. Willis went to barber school to learn the trade he would practice for 12 years.

"As a barber, you learn a lot about people," he said. "But more importantly, you learn to be a good listener."

After his stint as a barber, he worked at Uniroyal in Ardmore, Okla., and retired in 1999 after more than 28 years of service.

He is now an active member of the Ardmore Senior Center, where he was tapped to be a member of the Honor Guard a little over a year ago.

Mr. Willis said it took him a while to get back into the military mindset.

"It was harder than I remembered to think like that again," he said."But it's such an honor to be Chickasaw and in the Chickasaw Honor Guard."

Mr. Willis and his "hometown sweetheart" and wife of more than 50 years, Loretta, have six children, 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild on the way.

In his spare time, he likes to help his children, even if they are grown.

"I'm a family man," he said, "and when you have six children, you keep pretty supporting them in everything they do."

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

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Chickasaw Honor Guard installs new officers

Chickasaw Legislator Katie Case swears in the 2008 Chickasaw Honor Guard officers at a meeting conducted Nov. 10.

The Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard installed six officers for a new term in a ceremony Nov. 10. Officers were sworn in by Pontotoc District, Seat 3 Chickasaw Tribal Legislator Katie Case.

The officers are Bernie Seeley, President; Mike Reed, Vice President; Lura Mullican, Secretary; Ray Orphan, Quartermaster; Solomon Gantt, Chaplain; and Jim Perry, Public Relations.

Established in 1993 by four Chickasaw veterans, including Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, the Honor Guard's purpose is to conduct military honors at the memorials of fellow Chickasaw veterans.

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

'Topping Off' ceremony a terrific experience

Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello all,

What a wonderful season we are in! As we enter it at this time of Thanksgiving it is almost unbelievable how fortunate we Chickasaws really are. I think of all the benefits we are so privileged to have and it is almost magical, it seems. Except I see and know so many of the many, many people who work so hard and so diligently to let us enjoy the benefits that are ours. Even if we sometimes have to wait longer than we like, still, remember that we are waiting for benefits that were not a reality not very many years ago!

Last week I attended, along with several of the other legislators and a number of the administrators, the "topping off" ceremony at our new hospital. This is a tradition with quite an interesting history, which was explained to all present at the ceremony by an official of our contractor.

It is a custom begun by the Scandinavians who use a tree on top of the building signifying a safe finish to the framework and a blessing for a strong, successful structure. Our builder has modified the tradition to the setting of the final steel beam going into place. The beam is painted white and everyone, all the workers and all present for the event, sign the beam before it is put into place.

Watching the man on top of the building directing the highly skilled operator of the machine holding the beam up in the air was like watching a beautifully orchestrated ballet. He was graceful in every sense of the word as he carefully directed with his hand movements the setting of the beam and the operator of the big machine was masterful with his technique and control of his machine.

Bravo to them! It was a wonderful experience and one I will never forget. Many, many times I have seen trees on top of tall "skyscraper" buildings in Dallas (where I lived for many years) and wondered about the trees but never knew. It was all very fascinating and exciting. And the hospital is going to be incredible – huge and wonderful for all of us.

A couple of weeks ago I had the beautiful privilege of attending a performance at the Kennedy Center of the composition of three of our Chickasaw youth. There were three other young people whose music was also performed. How proud we are of all of them and how great that we have a program to encourage their talent.

I have two wonderful great-grandchildren who make the Season all fresh and new again. They are wonderful gifts in this life and I wish for all of you the touch of a child to remind you of the wondrous cycle of life. God's blessings to all of you as you go through this special time. May great Joy be yours!

Linda Briggs

Commit today to controlling diabetes - we have!

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

As you know, diabetes is an epidemic problem, particularly in Indian country. We Chickasaw suffer from diabetes in greater numbers than the general population, much like other Indian tribes. We have implemented many programs for the prevention and treatment programs and have built an entire wing on Carl Albert hospital to address our particular needs.

November 14 has been declared the World Diabetes Day by the United Nations. In celebration, the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee met in Washington, D.C., with the Indian Health Service and the grantees of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. I have the honor to serve on the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee.

The Special Diabetes Program grants funds to approximately 300 Indian nations so that they may provide diabetes prevention and treatment programs such as gestational diabetes programs, youth camps, fitness centers, walking programs, cooking classes and the like. Many of the programs offered here at the Chickasaw Nation have been funded in part by those appropriations.

We were addressed by many speakers including the new Director of Indian Health Service, Mr. McSwain, and the Center for Disease Control headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. Representatives from the Chickasaw Health System Diabetes Programs presented a perspective on our programs. The Oklahoma representatives held a caucus where Rita Salmon, the Acting Area Diabetes Coordinator, and I made a presentation.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Pontotoc District Legislator Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN.

A great time to be thankful for our many blessings

Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

We have all heard before that we must count our blessings. How many times when we were kids did we hear the phrase, and simply pass it off?

Now, as adults, we know it is very important to actually "count" our blessings! We do so now because we understand, from experience, that things happen in life that are not always good. We all now know people - family, friends, co-workers and acquaintances - who have truly suffered.

We really are blessed to have the things we once took for granted - health, children, a job, a place to live, enough to eat.

We are truly blessed to be citizens of the Chickasaw Nation. Our people endured so many hardships throughout the years, and look where we are now. So many sacrifices were made before, and now we are at a very high point in our history. We are very blessed.

Thanks to each of you who support those of us who serve you in your tribal legislature. It is indeed a great honor to serve, and I am continually committed to making good and positive decisions that improve the lives of Chickasaws and Chickasaw families.

I would like to extend a special thank you to all the wonderful military men and women who are serving on our behalf. I wish you a happy holiday season and hope for your early return to your families.

Thank you.

Committee Reports

Education Committee
November 10, 2008
Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

Finance Committee
November 10, 2008
Present: Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
Absent: Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz

Health Committee
November 10, 2008
Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Dean McManus, Linda Briggs
Absent: Judy Goforth Parker

Land Development Committee
November 10, 2008
Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling, Linda Briggs
Absent: David Woerz

Legislative Committee
November 10, 2008
Present:
Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
Absent: Tim Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz

Thanks to all our Community Health Representatives

Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The month of November went by way too fast! I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are ready for Christmas. I had the pleasure of being the guest speaker at two different community councils this past month; the Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council located in New Castle, Oklahoma and the North Texas Chickasaw Community Council, which currently meets in Bedford, Texas. Copies of the Chickasaw Nation Constitution, Legislative Pamphlets and a copy of a tribal resolution were handed out to each citizen. I spoke on the guidelines and duties of the Legislative Branch as detailed in the Chickasaw Nation Constitution and how a resolution travels through the Legislative process.

The Northern Pontotoc Council elected Mr. Todd Griffith as the new Chairperson, the vice chairman will be Mr. James Ogle and Ms. Betty Arbuckle is the Sec/Treasurer. Congratulations to the newly elected officers and a very sincere thank you to the outgoing officers, whose hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. Community Health Representatives from the Purcell Area Office were also in attendance offering flu shots to all who were interested.

The North Texas Council will have their next meeting in January. It will be held at the Boys Ranch in Bedford, Texas. For more information contact Mr. Stan Farmer at (682) 234-4910.

I would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to all the Community Health Representatives, Resource Specialists and other Nation Employees who helped prepare and distribute the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to our citizens. Your efforts were a blessing to our families and helped make the holidays special. If you would like to be a part of this in boundary program next year contact your local Area Office for more details, (580) 436-2603.

May the grace and peace of our Lord be with you and your family always,

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Chickasaw Nation Ada Area Office CHR Kristi Wal- presents a Thanksgiving basket to Eddie Martin.

Walking trails at new hospital will promote good exercise

Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! It is that time of year for me to wish you the merriest of Christmases and all God's blessings upon you and yours. I also wish you a happy and healthy New Year for 2009!

The Health Care committee met with Health System Administrator Bill Lance and received a report on the Health System. Unfortunately, we are continuing our search for two new dentists in Ada and one in Tishomingo. However, local dentists are working with us by filling in temporarily. We still hold our Saturday Dental Clinics for Chickasaws only every other Saturday. The toll free number to call for appointments is 1-888-512-5522. You should expect a wait of two months or more for a Saturday appointment.

Flu and pneumonia shots are currently available and we have enough vaccine this year for everyone to receive the shots. Please take care of this important matter by getting immunized!

We Legislators were invited to a "topping off" ceremony at the new hospital. "Topping off" is a traditional ceremony to commemorate the placement of the last steel beam in a new building. The work crew painted the last beam white and everyone in attendance got to sign the beam before it was placed into position. We were then treated to a picnic lunch provided by the primary contractor Flintco and the subcontractors. The ceremony was very exciting and we finally got to see the entire steel structure. An area of 375,000 square feet is quite a large building. The new hospital will contain cardiology equipment so that we will not have to refer our patients to outside facilities. A full range of imaging equipment will also be included in the new hospital.

Walking trails will be built around the new hospital for the use of employees and guests. We are promoting walking as an exercise especially because it has been proven to be valuable in the treatment of diabetes. As you know, diabetes continues to be on the rise among Indian people and a good regimen of exercise not only reduces symptoms, but it also can reduce the type of treatment for patients. Some diabetes patients have been able to reduce treatment from taking shots to swallowing pills, just because those patients have been exercising!

Bill Lance reported the following statistics: for the month of October, 2008, there were 253 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 21,598. October Emergency Room visits were 969. October saw 294 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,845 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 1,929 patients in October. The Ardmore Clinic saw 3,112 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 1,967. The Durant Clinic saw 2,782 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 2,305 in October.

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site.

My articles are also located on the web site.

Until next month, thank you.

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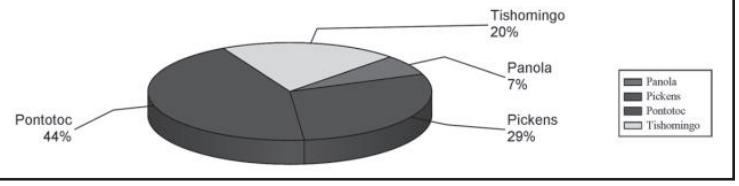
Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,683	Pontotoc	10,124
Pickens	6,739	Panola	1,542
		Total	23,088



Assistance program helps Chickasaw elders with utility bills

Katie Case
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Seasons Greetings,

While we are busily preparing for the holidays and anxiously anticipating the joys associated with this time of year, we are also experiencing one of, if not the most, challenging economic times in American history. Therefore, we must prepare for the realities of the season.

One of those realities is that the weather usually turns cold this time of year. Despite the decrease in fuel costs that we are fortunately seeing at the gas pump, the cost to heat our homes this winter is not forecasted to decrease.

The most plausible reason is that much of the energy that we will purchase this winter will be derived from the use of natural gas, which is used on its own for heat and also sometimes used in the production of electricity. The natural gas to be used this season was purchased and stored by utility companies earlier in the year when its cost was much higher. Thus, we will have to pay utility rates based on the higher, summer-of-'08, costs of natural gas.

For our seniors, now is the time to remember and take advantage of the Elderly Utility Assistance Program, which has been increased to keep pace with rising energy costs.

The Elderly Utility Assistance Program provices for up to $250 assistance, twice a year, for Chickasaws over the age of 60 who live in or outside the traditional boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation. It is worth repeating that all Chickasaws, no matter where you live, can receive this assistance.

In addition to being Chickasaw and over 60 years of age, applicants must provide a copy of or proof of application for a Chickasaw Nation citizenship card/certificate, a copy of his/her social security card and a copy of the utility bill for which assistance is to be requested. Having these documents handy when you make application will make the process much easier and faster.

For both Chickasaws living inside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation and those residing outside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation, the places to call to get an application are the area offices. The area offices and their respective phone numbers are listed below.

Ada Area Office, (580) 436-7256; Ardmore Area Office, (580) 226-4821; Duncan Area Office, (580) 252-4119; Purcell Area Office, (405) 527-6667; Sulphur Area Office, (580) 622-2888; Tishomingo Area Office, (580) 371-9512.

I hope you have a great holiday season and that a wonderful new year awaits you.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your legislator.

Respectfully,
Katie

Himittaalhiha Hochokoshkomo, Youth Sports Camp, set for Dec. 19, 22 and 23 in Ada

The Chickasaw Nation will host a Chickasaw Language Youth Sports camp 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 19, 22, and 23 at 520 E. Arlington Ada, Okla. in the old gym located behind the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters.

Himittaalhiha Hochokoshkomo, (The Youth are Playing) will feature To'li' (stickball), basketball, baseball/softball/wiffleball, volleyball, soccer, and capture the flag with the focus of the sporting events on learning the Chickasaw language through a variety of interactive language and sporting activities.

The camp will start each day promptly at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided for the day campers. All campers must wear athletic shoes and come prepared for a great day of sports and learning.

These will be one-day camps and each day will host a select age group. Dec. 20 will host grades 1-3, Dec. 22 grades 4-6, and Dec. 23 grades 7-9. Grades will be based on the grade campers are in for the 2008-2009 school year.

There will only be 30 spots available for each age group. Space is limited so sign up now to assure a place for this exciting event. For more information and to sign up for the event, contact the Chickasaw Nation Language Program at (580) 272-5322.

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October 2008 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 26-004

Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc.

John Elliott

Explanation: This resolution confirms Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. John Elliott to the Board of Directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc. Mr. Elliott's term of office for this appointment will end on October 1, 2011. The Legislature has previously been provided copies of Mr. Elliott's resume.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-005

A Resolution Affirming General Resolution 21-051 and Correcting Description of Real Property in Garvin County

Explanation: This Resolution re-affirms General Resolution 21-051 for the purpose of specifically identifying the complete legal description as follows:

A tract of land located in the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 35, Township 1 North, Range 1 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Garvin County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point 100 feet North of the Southwest Corner of said SW/4 SW/4, and in the West line of said SW/4 SW/4; Thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 31 seconds West along said West line a distance of 894.55 feet; Thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 29 seconds East along the Right-of-Way line of Interstate Highway #35 a distance of 82.51 feet; Thence Southeasterly in a curve to the right, along said Right-of-Way line (having a radius of 2191 .83 feet, a chord bearing of South 16 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds East, a chord distance of 399.01 feet) and arc distance of 399.57 feet; Thence South 21 degrees 50 minutes 27 seconds East along said Right-of-Way line a distance of 52.87 feet; Thence Southeasterly in a curve to the right along said Right-of-Way line (having a radius of 2201.83 feet, a chord bearing of South 5 degrees 05 minutes 22 seconds East, a chord distance of 397.06 feet) an arc distance of 397.60 feet; Thence South 0 degrees 05 minutes 02 seconds West along said Right-of-Way line a distance of 68.71 feet to the North Right-of-Way line of State Highway #7; Thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 58 seconds West along said North Right-of-Way 1ine a distance of 249.89 feet to the point of beginning.

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-006

Authorization for Granting of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to conclude the deeding of said property, free and clear, from the Chickasaw Nation to the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation for use in the NAHASDA Housing Program. The property was originally acquired by the Chickasaw Construction Company and deeded to the Chickasaw Nation; however, since the property is in a residential section, this resolution authorizes the tribe to transfer it to the housing authority, which can better use the property.

Property Description:
All of Lot 2, Woodlake East Ad-

*See **Resolutions,** page 30*

U.S. Rep. Cole emphasizes agreement in Oklahoma water debate

U.S. Congressman Tom Cole explained the ties of Oklahoma's water supply to a thriving economy and outlined some issues which must be resolved during the 2008 Governor's Water Conference and Water Research Symposium, sponsored by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, (OWRB).

The conference was conducted Oct 28-30 at the Sheraton-Reed Conference Center in Midwest City.

Rep. Cole (R-OK), a Chickasaw citizen, described the state of Oklahoma's water resources as "the best of times and the worst of times."

"The good news is Oklahoma is unique with its renewable resource," Rep. Cole said.

"The bad news is; we got it, they want it."

Throughout his talk, Rep. Cole encouraged all Oklahoma stakeholders, including tribes, cities, and landowners to band together and work out any proprietary issues concerning water rights.

Negotiation rather than litigation, Cole said, was the best course of action to a solution.

"We need to find common ground and work out a good deal for all parties, rather than go to court for years," he said. "That is a dangerous game to get into."

Rep. Cole stressed working together to find a solution to use Oklahoma's water for the betterment of the state.

"It is better to come to some sort of common agreement," he said. "If we don't, we will be divided by forces to the south. Texas is always a big resource, the question is how do we use it for the betterment of the people of Oklahoma. It's an Oklahoma decision, made by Oklahomans to benefit Oklahoma."

Selling water to Texas and other states, he said, could be an economic boon for the state.

"It's got to be a good deal for both sides of the Red River," he said.

Rep. Cole said it was costly to develop water resources, and the states wanting water should be willing to cost-share.

"The cost of developing water is ten of millions of dollars," he said.

Who gets the money when the water is sold across state lines, he said, is also a question that needs to be answered.

U.S. Rep. TOM COLE

Defining the role of the federal government in the process is another issue.

"In our office we determine where we can find federal money so we can find the science to not make a mistake," Rep. Cole said.

He used the Arbuckle Simpson aquifer study as an example.

"We must define the extent of the resource, recharge rates, reclaim issues and runoff," he said.

The Arbuckle Simpson aquifer is a large underground water source that supplies many communities in the southern portion of the Chickasaw Nation.

He urged those in attendance at the conference to plan ahead to ensure the future of Oklahoma's water is secure.

"You are doing the hard work of Oklahoma, but don't let it slip away."

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

2008-2009 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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2008
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December 8th – Ada
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6:30 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

December 11th – Purcell
Multi Purpose Center
1400 Chandler Road
Purcell, Oklahoma
6:30 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

December 15th – Ardmore
Ardmore Convention Center
2401 North Rockford Road
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6:30 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

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Robot games focus on basic engineering skills

Chickasaw students excel in math, science competition

Governor Bill Anoatubbywith the Mechanical Masterminds after they received the Judges Award at the FIRST LEGO League state qualifying tournament in Stillwater.

Governor Bill Anoatubby with Blockhead team members after receiving the Judges Award at the FIRST LEGO League state qualifying tournament in Stillwater.

Chickasaw students received awards for hard work and creativity during a robotics tournament that engaged students in science, technology and engineering activities.

Two Chickasaw Nation teams – Blockheads and Mechanical Masterminds – qualified for regional competition following their performances in the November 15 state qualifying LEGO League tournament in Stillwater, Okla.

The regionals will be conducted in Amarillo, Texas on December 6.

"The teams displayed tremendous excitement and knowledge of their LEGO robots and creations during the tournament," said Chickasaw Nation Education Services director Lori Hamilton. "Over the past few months, all of the students were very dedicated to their projects and bonded very well as individual teams."

The Chickasaw students are engaged in the competitions to stimulate and develop their math, science and creative skills.

The robotic competition was judged in the categories of project presentation, robot performance, technical design and programming of the robot and teamwork. The Blockheads and Mechanical Masterminds won the Judges Award for hard work and creativity.

During robotic competitions, teams use computer programming to maneuver robots through obstacle courses over a two and one-half minute period. The robots are programmed to complete objectives within the course and gain as many points as possible. Teams that gain the most points during the competition rounds advance to the playoffs to reveal the tournament champions.

"These leagues were created to inspire the children to have fun while furthering their knowledge of science, technology, engineering and math," said Ms. Hamilton. "The development of the LEGO teams has proven that creative and hands-on programs keep the attention of children and engage them in learning."

As part of the tournament, Junior LEGO League teams had the opportunity to be involved by designing display boards. The two Chickasaw Nation junior teams, Tiny Techs and Mini Mayhem, designed display boards on pollution and water recycling.

The Tiny Techs won "Most Knowledgeable" junior team and Mini Mayhem was awarded "Most Organized." Winning the "Most Inspired Mentor" was Patricia Jolly, Chickasaw Nation science, technology and math coordinator.

The LEGO League teams consist of Ada-area Chickasaw students ages nine through 14, and the junior LEGO teams are comprised of Ada-area six- to nine-year-old Chickasaw students.

The Blockheads include: Brendan Anoatubby and Jordan Stick-Greenwood of Homer Elementary; Patrick Cooke and Mikayla Hook of Willard Elementary; Jason Folsom, Bailee McCurdy and Savannah Weems of Latta Elementary; Joshua Tingle of Sulphur Junior High; Julie Underwood of Mill Creek Junior High and Thirkiel Wedlow of Allen Elementary.

The Mechanical Masterminds include: Lauren Burden, Brooke Colungo and Krysten Wallace of Washington Elementary; Chase Horton, Macy Tiger, Autumn Underwood and Taylor Weems of Latta Elementary and Chelsea Wedlow of Allen Elementary.

Tiny Techs team members include: Elijah Gibson and Andrea Underwood of Homer Elementary; Reese Hamilton, Lauren John and Jacob Wallace of Hayes Elementary and Amon Walker of Latta Elementary.

Mini Mayhem team members include: Sean Cooke of Homer Elementary; Randis Gray and Lulu Weems of Latta Elementary; Sunzie Harrison of Allen Elementary; Heath Hook of Hayes Elementary and Matthew McAngus of Pauls Valley Jackson Elementary.

Through a national robotic organization, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST), the Chickasaw Nation developed LEGO League teams to inspire students to be science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs. The FIRST program helps students gain engineering and technology skills, inspire innovation and develop self-confidence, communication and leadership skills.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation LEGO League program, contact the science, technology and math program manager Stan Townsend at (580) 421-7711.

Contributed by Brooke Tidwell, tribal media relations.

Governor Bill Anoatubby and Patricia Jolly are pictured with Mini Mayhem team members after receiving the Most Organized Award during the Junior FIRST LEGO League display board competition in Stillwater.

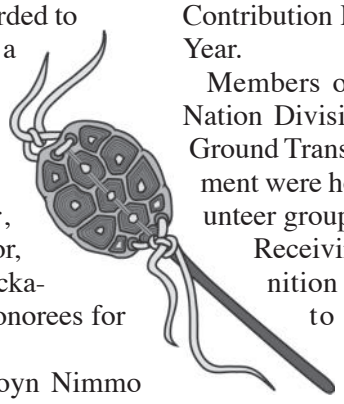
Governor Bill Anoatubby and team mentors are pictured with the Tiny Techs after they received the Most Knowledgeable Team Award during the Junior FIRST LEGO League display board competition in Stillwater.

Art auction funds fine arts scholarship

Chickasaw Foundation honors donors, volunteers

Several Chickasaw Foundation donors and volunteers were honored at the Friends of the Foundation reception Nov. 14.

The event took place at the First Baptist Church in Ada, Okla., and featured a silent auction of Native American art work. Proceeds from the third annual silent auction will fund a fine arts scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a student pursuing a career in the fine arts.



During the reception, the Johnna Walker, Foundation director, announced the Chickasaw Foundation honorees for 2008.

David and Carloyn Nimmo were named Philanthropists of the Year for establishing the David and Carolyn Nimmo Graduate Business Scholarship. The scholarship is designated for a Chickasaw student pursuing a master's degree in Business.

Scott Wingo received the Volunteer of the Year award and Dr. Stephen O'Grady was named the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan Donor of the Year.

Members of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce Ground Transportation Department were honored as the volunteer group of the year.

Receiving special recognition for their service to the Chickasaw Foundation were

Kennedy Brown

Lynne Chatfield, Waylon Cotanny, Stacy Edgar, Michelle Key, Lynn Postoak and Darrell Walker.

"This has been a great year for the Chickasaw Foundation," said Kennedy Brown, chairman of the Foundation board of trustees. "We have helped Chickasaw people continue their educations and we have a lot to be thankful for."

In the last year, the number of scholarships granted has risen from 40 to 52.

The Chickasaw Foundation is a non-profit organization founded in 1971 to help promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people. For more information, contact the Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

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First month gets new fiscal year off to good start

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending October 31, 2008

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $14.5 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $4.1 million for the month and year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of $113.0 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for October totaled $66 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $20 million for the month and year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $3.8 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At October 31, 2008, the tribal government funds had $100 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $12.6 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $167 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of October 31, 2008, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling $916 million with $197 million in payables resulting in net assets of $719 million compared to $712 million at September 30, 2008 or an increase of $7 million.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the One Month Ended October 31, 2008

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	29,983	66,680,072	66,710,055
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		14,559,118	(14,559,118)	-
Total funds available		14,589,101	52,120,954	66,710,055
Expenditures				
General government		655,450		655,450
Legislature		131,572		131,572
Judiciary		62,337		62,337
Education		741,453		741,453
Heritage Preservation		249,065		249,065
Health		750,249		750,249
Youth and Family Services		441,616		441,616
Nutrition Programs		232,663		232,663
Regulatory		456,062		456,062
Assistance Programs		670,808		670,808
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			36,880,671	36,880,671
Other businesses' expense			11,434,116	11,434,116
Total expenditures		4,391,275	48,314,787	52,706,062
Increase in net assets		10,197,826	3,806,166	14,003,993
Beginning net assets		292,912,257	412,240,077	705,152,334
Ending net assets	$	303,110,083	416,046,244	719,156,327

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
October 31, 2008

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	100,014,697	167,413,559	267,428,256
Receivables		870,581	23,744,242	24,614,823
Inventory			4,966,627	4,966,627
Prepaid expenses			10,361,539	10,361,539
Other Assets			41,275,715	41,275,715
Fixed assets		202,703,767	365,167,673	567,871,440
Less payables		(478,963)	(196,883,111)	(197,362,074)
Net Assets	$	303,110,083	416,046,244	719,156,327

Nine vets recall sacrifices of 'Greatest Generation'

Chickasaw WWII veterans visit Washington on Veterans Day

U.S. Rep. Tom Cole met with nine Chickasaw World War II veterans on Veterans Day and thanked them for their services on the steps of the U.S. Capitol. Front row from left are Lynn Engles, Phoenix; Warren Cooper, Irving, Texas; Harry White, Oklahoma City; Lemuel Apala, Pawhuska, Okla.; Charles Morgan Wells, Ada, Okla.; and John Byers, Sulphur, Okla. Back row from left are Joe Beshirs, Durant, Okla.; Gov. Emeritus Overton James, Ada, Okla.; U.S. Rep. Tom Cole; and Chester Taylor, Mesa, Arizona.

Muffled gasps, soft sobs and the brush of shirt sleeves wiping away tears were the only audible sounds as dozens of people moved through dimly-lit rooms of the Holocaust Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Other rooms were punctuated with the shrill maniacal raving of the diabolical dictator whose misdeeds plunged the world into war.

Nine Chickasaw World War II veterans were among those visitors gazing at the ghastly images, reading the heart-wrenching stories, and wincing at the sound of evil personified.

"These men and women placed the needs of their country and fellow citizens above their own needs in order to defend our freedom and our way of life," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "It was their bravery, sacrifice and devotion to service which turned the tide in that war and changed the course of history. While our gratitude is a small down payment on a debt we can never repay, we want them to know that we are eternally grateful for their service."

The trip, funded by the Chickasaw Nation in appreciation for the service of the veterans, included a tour of the U.S. Capitol by staff of U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK).

Rep. Cole, a Chickasaw, met with the veterans on the steps of the Capitol. "It's amazingly moving to be here with people who risked life and limb for their country," said Rep. Cole. "I am so proud that the tribe gave them the opportunity to come here and understand just how profoundly grateful the country is for their service.

"I know I certainly wouldn't have the opportunity to be in Congress if these men and women hadn't put themselves on the line so we stayed a free country. All of us owe them everything.

"It's great that they're recognized. It's a good Chickasaw tradition to remember your defenders."

Chickasaw Governor Emeritus Overton James, who served in a Navy Construction Battalion in World War II, was among the veterans on the trip.

Gov. James was appointed Chickasaw Governor by President Kennedy in 1963. In 1971, he became the first governor elected by Chickasaw citizens since Oklahoma statehood in 1907.

Gov. James said the trip, which included a performance of classical compositions by Chickasaw students performed at the Kennedy Center, was "a wonderful experience."

He added that during his time as governor no one imagined the tribe would one day be able to provide such opportunities for its elders and young people

Danny Wells and his father Morgan Wells visit with Karen Cook, Administrator of the Division on Aging at the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

Other highlights of the trip included a visit to the World War II Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, U.S. Navy Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, National Museum of the American Indian and more.

Chester Taylor, of Mesa, Arizona, served in the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). He said that the trip helped him renew the memories of his late Chickasaw grandmother.

He said that his grandmother led a life dedicated to the service of family and friends served as a great example to him.

Mr. Taylor, who was valedictorian of his high school class, in Arizona, put his education and his marriage on hold to join the military in 1942.

Morgan Wells, of Ada, Okla., served on a U.S. Navy landing craft which carried men to battles on the beaches. He said he thought the trip was "awesome."

He said that he was moved by the number of men, women and young people who had thanked him for his service to the country.

Harry White at the Vietman Veterans Memorial.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Over $6 million collected annually

Tribal Child Support Services uncovers funds for children

In 2008, the Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Support Services (CNCSS) collected and distributed over $6 million in child support from non-custodial parents. The goal of CNCSS is to locate non-custodial parents, establish paternity, and aid in setting up child support payments and enforcement to the custodial parent through the tribal or state court systems.

"Our goal is to help Native American children and parents receive the necessary financial and emotional support from both parents and to ensure the children are aware of their biological parents so they have a connection to their traditions, culture, and heritage," said Cassandra McGilbray, CNCSS director.

CNCSS offers paternity testing and establishment through genetic DNA testing. It also offers establishment through legal processes and investigative services that will locate an absent parent using information databases and up-to-date computer systems. CNCSS can transfer cases pending in state court if requested.

Once paternity is established, CNCSS can help parents or children in foster care file temporary child support orders, modify existing child support orders, mediation, and seek final child support orders.

CNCSS can enforce child support payments, once established, through processing income assignments, initiating court hearings for contempt, suspending driver's, professional or hunting and gaming licenses, and intercepting tax refunds. CNCSS has an assigned Lighthorse Police investigator whose responsibility is serving bench warrants to parents with delinquent child support payments.

"It's exciting for the families who receive child support after not receiving support for many years," said Shannon Parnacher, child support enforcement specialist. "Many single parents have been working hard and struggling to afford the necessities in life for their families and when they finally receive the support from a non-custodial parent it helps them tremendously,"

The Tribal Enforcement Payment Project (TEPP) was created in 2004 and designed to help non-custodial parents found in contempt of court, on delinquent support payments, establish a monitored payment program instead of serving jail time. TEPP helps the non-custodial parent find a job, sets them up on a payment plan with payments monitored weekly, and the TEPP specialist reports to court on status and success in the program with jail time ordered for non-compliance with the TEPP guidelines.

"TEPP is a huge asset to the Chickasaw Nation," said Wayne Harrison, TEPP Investigator. "This benefits the children by getting the non-custodial parent back on track paying support to help with the essentials of everyday life and has saved over two million dollars in jail cost,"

All Chickasaw citizens, or Native American children eligible for enrollment with a federally-recognized tribe whose absent parent is Native American or employed by a tribe, and are within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries, are eligible for service through CNCSS. Families with a divorce or child support order from tribal court and Chickasaw citizens at large are accepted on a case-by-case basis.

For more information on CNCSS programs and services or for an application visit 231 Seabrook Road Ada, Okla. or call 580-436-3419/toll free 866-431-3419. Applications for CNCSS programs and services can also be found online at www.chickasaw.net.

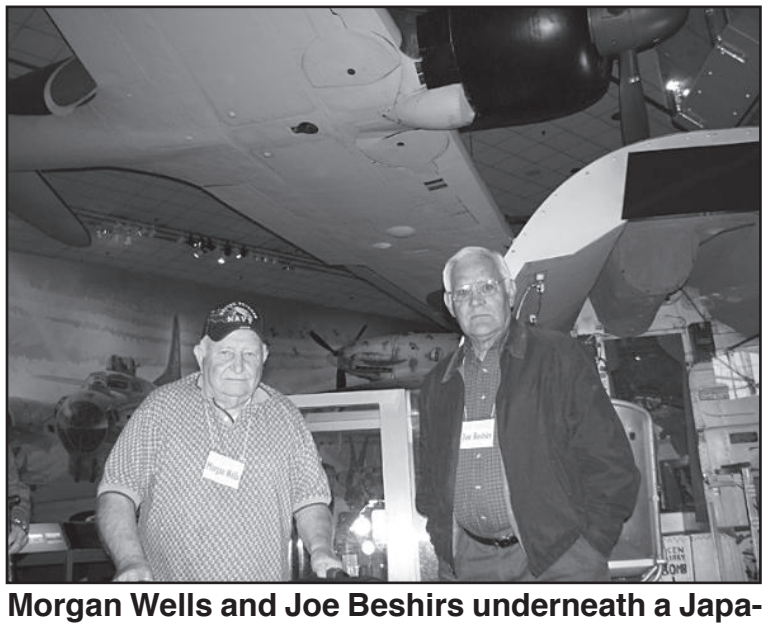
Contributed by Jeremy Oliver, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw veterans enjoy the sites of Washington

U.S. Rep. Tom Cole visits with Chickasaw veterans and family members outside the U.S. Capitol. From left are Rep. Cole, Robert Apala, Lemuel Apala and Morgan Wells.

Chester Taylor, left, World War II veteran from Mesa, Arizona, met Clint Myers, head coach of the Arizona State University softball team during a tour of the U.S. Capitol. The chance meeting occurred because the national champion ASU softball team was in Washington to visit the White House. Taylor said he was a long-time fan of the team.

Governor Emeritus Overton James and his daughter Ranell Harry at the Franklin Roosevelt Memorial.



Morgan Wells and Joe Beshirs underneath a Japanese fighter at the Aviation and Space Museum. Both Mr. Wells and Mr. Beshirs had close calls with kamikaze pilots during their World War II service.

Safe haven for Native women, children

Tribal Office of Violence Prevention opens domestic violence shelter

With one in five American women physically assaulted by a spouse or partner, the Chickasaw Nation office of Violence Prevention has stepped up to the challenge. The first ever domestic violence shelter for Native American women and children, Chonkash yohbi chuka (Peaceful heart home) opened its doors in July 2008.

Chonkash yohbi chuka is a 24-hour temporary housing shelter open to Native American women and children, regardless of tribal affiliation, who need protection from domestic violence and sexual assault. The shelter is a 2,200 square-foot dwelling designed to replicate a comfortable home environment and house eight to 10 people at a time.

"The Chickasaw Nation is honored to be able to help the women and families in need who have been subjected to violence at the hands of a spouse or partner and are in need of a safe haven to protect them from abuse," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby, "The Chonkash yohbi chukka allows the Chickasaw Nation a way to provide families safe, direct, and immediate on-site services."

Domestic violence is a rapidly growing problem in Oklahoma. The state has risen from seventh in the nation in 2007 to third in 2008, for the number of domestic violence cases reported to police. Oklahoma was rated forth in the nation this year for homicides due to domestic violence.

According to the FBI, 30 percent of women and six percent of men killed each year are victims of an ex-partner, and three to four million women are physically abused causing injury.

In September 2008, the Office of Violence Prevention handled 19 new cases involving 40 children with 11 continuing cases. The shelter was utilized 45 nights in September by families needing protection from domestic violence and abuse.

The Chonkash yohbi chukka shelter provides families in need with temporary housing up to 30 days and a 24-hour on call staff of counselors, victim advocates, and case managers. The shelter is routinely patrolled by Lighthorse Police, who have specialized domestic violence training, and is at an undisclosed location for the protection of victims during the relocation process.

"Our goal is to provide wrap around services to domestic violence victims who many times leave their abusive relationship with nothing but the clothes on their back and no money or means of support," said Angela Conner, director of the Office of Violence Prevention. "Without a shelter to go to, many of these victims are hopelessly trapped because they have no way out of the abusive relationship because the abuser has exiled them from friends, family and access to money which would allow them to leave."

Chonkash yohbi chukka provides victims of domestic violence a way to safely relocate themselves and their families to a safe environment. The shelter provides victims with food, clothing, tribal and social service referrals, transportation, career development skills, support groups, and planning services to aid in the relocation process among many other services.

For additional information or enrollment in programs and services, contact the Office of Violence Prevention 580-272-5550 231 Seabrook Rd. Ada, Okla. For emergency help contact Lighthorse Police 580-436-9022, local police 911, or the Oklahoma Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-522-SAFE (7233).

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Incidents on the rise in Oklahoma

Candlelight ceremony remembers victims of domestic violence

The Chickasaw Nation and East Central University (ECU) hosted a candlelight vigil in remembrance and celebration of victims and survivors of domestic violence during an Oct. 29 ceremony on the ECU campus

"I hereby proclaim October to be domestic violence awareness month for the city of Ada," said Ada mayor Barbara Young. "I understand the importance of awareness because I am a survivor of domestic violence. By educating the community, we can raise awareness to help prevent domestic violence."

The candlelight ceremony was organized by the Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention, Campus Initiative to Reduce Crime Against Women, Regional University System of Oklahoma Violence Prevention Program, Family Crisis Center and the Ada office of the District Attorney.

The ceremony hosted several speakers including Mayor Young, ECU President Richard Rafes and ECU vice president of administration Dr. Steve Turner. The keynote speaker was ECU student and domestic violence survivor Bekka Rahbusch.

"The last beating was so severe my kids begged their father to stop hitting me," Ms. Rahbusch said. "I went to my only friend left he had not isolated me from and she drove me to the police station and forced me to file a police report. Without out her I don't know where I would be today."

Domestic violence survivor Bekka Rahbusch was keynote speaker for the Candlelight event.

Ten years later, Ms. Rahbusch now speaks out for victims of domestic violence. She will graduate this year with a degree in elementary education from ECU.

A candlelight vigil was conducted as friends and family recognizedd individual victims and survivors of domestic violence. The Chickasaw Nation Princesses led the Lord's Prayer. Several people gathered on the lawn of the ECU campus surrounded by silhouettes detailing the lives of victims lost due to domestic violence.

Domestic violence is a growing epidemic in Oklahoma. The state now ranks third in the nation for most reported domestic violence incidents, up from seventh. Oklahoma ranks fourth in the nation in domestic violence incidents that result in murder. Each of the first 45 murders prosecuted in Oklahoma this year were due to domestic violence

"This underscores the priority awareness and prevention need to be for the Chickasaw Nation and the community at large," said Jay Keel, Chickasaw Nation Administrator for Youth and Family Services.

The Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention recently opened up Chonkash yohbi chukka (Peaceful heart home), a new shelter for families of domestic violence. The Office of Violence Prevention provides victims with temporary housing, planning services to aid in a safe relocation process, food, clothing, tribal and social service referrals, transportation to medical appointments, career development skills, and support groups among other services.

For information on programs and services offered by the Chickasaw Nation for victims of domestic violence, contact the Office of Violence Prevention at (580) 272-5550 or visit the office located in the Youth and Family Services building, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, Okla.

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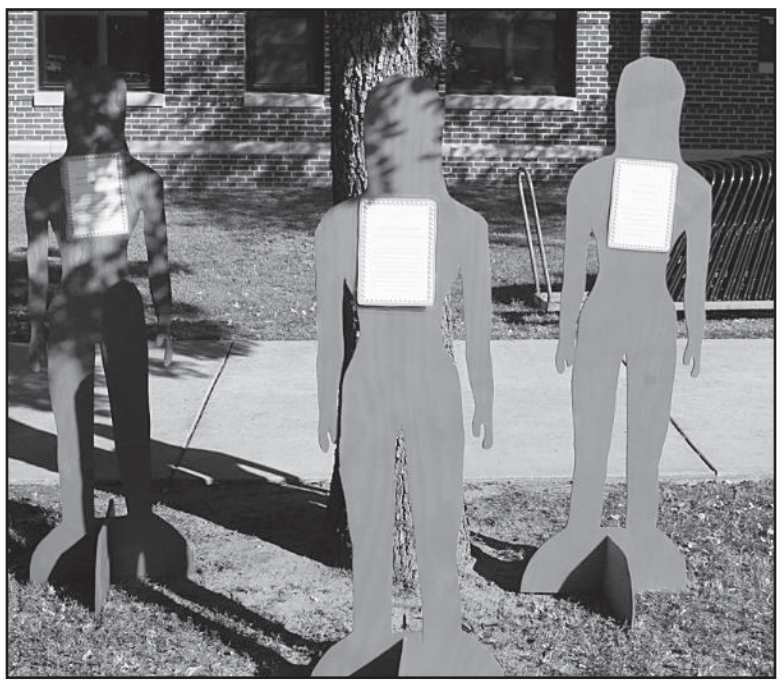


Silhouettes of victims lost to domestic violence are displayed on the ECU campus grounds.

Students create conservation art

Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge sponsors art contest

Tishomingo High School Principal Kevin Duncan, students Jordan Braham, Billy Vaughn, Nathan Norris, and Sherri Miller with the Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Services.

Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge recently hosted its annual Art Contest in celebration of National Wildlife Refuge Week.

The object of the annual contest is to open up an understanding of the natural resources that surround us.

The contest was also an opportunity for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to help communities become aware of the importance of conserving these resources for our children and future generations.

In celebration of this event, students from Johnston County schools submitted a variety of wildlife-related drawings.

There were 273 participants, which included students from Coleman, Milburn, Mill Creek, Ravia and Tishomingo schools.

The artwork was displayed at the Tishomingo Refuge office. Eric Hardison, Chickasaw Nation art instructor, assisted in judging the artwork on Oct. 11.

The art was judged in groups: Kindergarten-first, second-fourth, fifth-sixth, seventh-eighth and ninth-12th. Those who placed in the top three within their group won prizes for their accomplishments. There were also four honorable mentions in each of the groups.

The Chickasaw Nation provided prizes for the contestants, which were delivered October 23 to their schools. Sherri Miller, of the tribal Division of Youth and Family Services, and Melissa Holder, Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge, enjoyed greeting the excited students with the prizes and taking photographs of this year's winners.

And the winners are….

Kindergarten and First Grades

1st Jaci Currie – Coleman

2nd Jayden Hallmark - Ravia

3rd Stormie Hester - Ravia

Honorable Mentions: Logan Bryant, Kennedy Willingham, July Caywood, and Julia Mills – all of Coleman

Second - Fourth Grades

1st Krista Carroll – Mill Creek

2nd Katie Bonnett – Coleman

3rd Andrew Gerhart – Mill Creek

Honorable Mentions: Sarah Sampson, Katlynn Shelton, Austin McBride, and Courtney Rogers – all of Coleman

Fifth - Sixth Grades

1st Kim Rushing – Mill Creek

2nd Olivia Johnson – Coleman

3rd Aaron Wicker – Mill Creek

Honorable Mentions: Caleb Till – Coleman, Sierra Morrison and Tabitha Burleson – Milburn, and Tarin Stephens – Mill Creek

Seventh and Eight Grades

1st Samuel Patrick – Mill Creek

2nd BreAnna Ratliff - Ravia

3rd Bremman Miller – Mill Creek

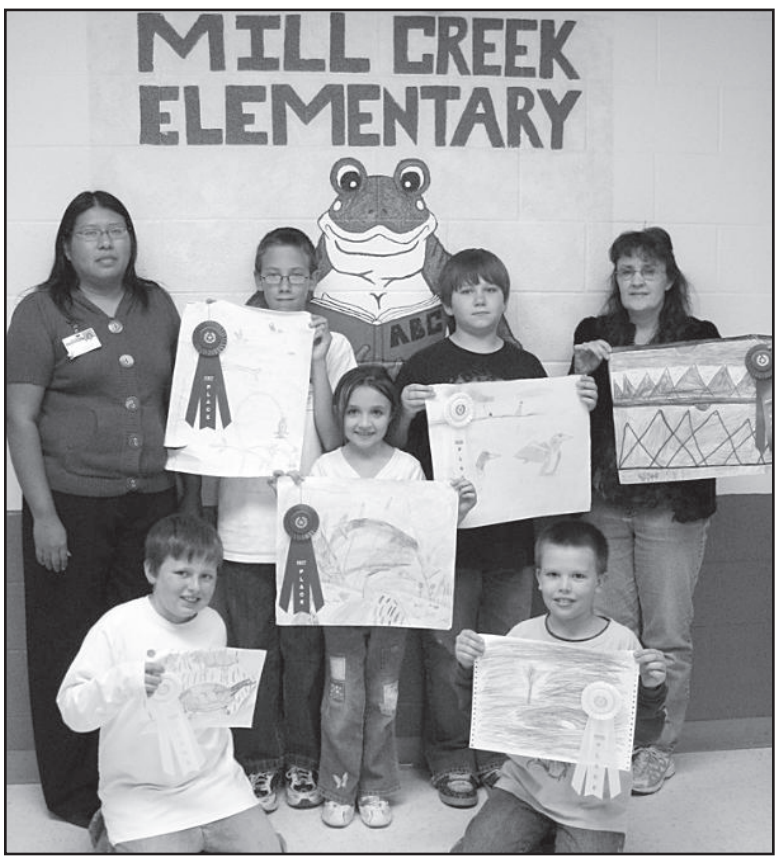
Honorable Mentions: Lauren Russell, Victoria Miller, Jasper Deaton, and Alex Sanchez – all of Ravia

Ninth through 12th Grades

1st Jordan Braham – Tishomingo

2nd Billy Vaughn – Tishomingo

3rd Nathan Norris – Tishomingo

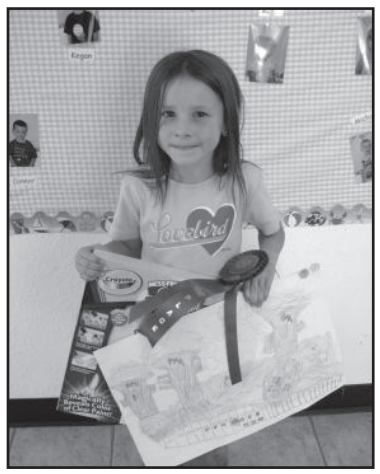


Tribal Division of Youth and Family Services representative Sherri Miller, Aaron Wicker, Samuel Patrick, Krista Carroll, Bremman Miller, Andrew Gerhart and Mill Creek art instructor Julie Carroll. Not pictured is Kim Rushing.

Honorable Mentions: Laura Keith, Brandon Perkinson, Eli Corbin, and Luke Coppedge – all of Tishomingo

President Theodore Roosevelt saw the importance of protecting the abundance of wildlife and believed this was an essential element to a quality American life and now the National Wildlife Refuge System is the world's leader in wildlife conservation.

There are more than 540 national wildlife refuges across the country, offering a variety of outdoor activities, including fishing, hunting, environmental education, wildlife observation and photography. Many wildlife refuges also offer nature hikes, bird watching tours, wildlife drives and trails, and other adventures. Each year, about 40 million Americans discover the wonders of nature by visiting a wildlife refuge. There is at least one wildlife refuge in every state and one within an hour's drive of most major cities.



Kindergarten and First Grade first place winner Jaci Currie, of Coleman, Okla.

For more information about National Wildlife Refuge Week events, contact a refuge near you or visit http:// www.fws.gov/refuges.

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Traditions a surprise to some

Students experience range of Chickasaw culture during Youth Heritage Day

Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge was the setting for the second annual Chickasaw Nation Youth Heritage Day, Nov. 4.

More than 100 students from area schools were immersed in Chickasaw culture and learned new skills during the outdoor event, which is conducted during the first week of Native American month.

A total of 106 students from Wynnewood, Turner, Ravia, Colbert and Lindsay schools attended the educational event.

The program began with the Chickasaw Princesses performing "The Lord's Prayer." Lessons on Chickasaw language, cultural and traditional stories were also a part of the program.

"Today we are here to share a part of our culture," said Ladonna Brown, a Chickasaw citizen and production specialist for the tribe.

Students learned the history behind traditional Chickasaw clothing and viewed an impromptu fashion show of both men's and women's attire.

Cotton clothing, Brown said, came en vogue with Chickasaw people during the removal period. Sewing clothing from cotton, Brown said, was much easier than making deer skin attire.

Chickasaw Nation language specialist Joann Ellis and Stanley Smith presented a lesson on Chickasaw language, and students learned some Chickasaw words, such as "skateboard," have to be invented as technology advances.

Interactive demonstrations included martial arts, stickball, blow guns, flutes and archery instruction.

"Drunk goggles" were donned by students during the DARE presentation as Lighthorse Police officer Dusk Monetathchi explained the effects of alcohol and the dangers of drinking and driving.

Fire prevention was stressed by members of the Chickasaw BIA agency firefighters and Smokey Bear.

Students also got to "make and take" corn husk dolls and beaded jewelry.

Archery was Dalton Baxter's favorite activity of the day, and he also enjoyed the martial arts section.

"I've never done that before," he said.

Dalton, a fifth grader from Ravia, also made a beaded necklace and practiced Chickasaw words and phrases during the day.

Jancey Weger, of Colbert schools, said counting in Chickasaw was a new skill she learned during the day. She enjoyed martial arts and archery the most.

"Learning about the traditional dress was really cool," she said.

Kayla Hurst, of Turner School, said she learned new Chickasaw words and enjoyed the language lesson that was interwoven into the stickball game.

Lunch and a performance by the Chickasaw Dance Troupe concluded the event.

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Healthy lifestyles, choices emphasized at youth leadership gathering

Making wise life choices was the focus of November's Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi session. More than 20 members of the Chickasaw youth leadership program attended the Nov. 8 session in Ada, and learned the importance of making healthy choices and living a healthy lifestyle.

Regina Folger, abstinence trainer for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services, Office of Strong Family Development, presented a lesson on the importance of abstinence.

During her presentation, Mrs. Folger used interactive demonstrations to stress her point. She also debunked many myths relating to dating and sexuality.

Group members said they learned not to put themselves in situations that could lead to sexual activity, said Tonya Bierce, youth leadership coordinator.

Danin Tiger, daughter of Pickens District youth specialist Kevin Tiger, shared her experiences being a single mother with the group.

Danin gave birth to her daughter, Layla, when she was 16, and still in high school. The 18-year-old spoke of the challenges and obstacles she must overcome every day as a parent, and stressed the importance of taking parental direction in making decisions.

She also shared the frustrations of watching her high school friends go out, while she had to stay home and care for an infant.

Mr. Tiger also presented the parental point of view of the situation.

Although discussing the subject of abstinence can be embarrassing to teenagers, the day was a success.

"The kids got a lot of good information from Mrs. Folger and learned the truth about things like sexually transmitted diseases," said Mr. Tiger.

The session was a learning experience for the students, and it also gave the group time to form new friendships.

"I thought Mrs. Folger did an amazing job teaching us about abstinence," said Nacobi Walker, a Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi member from Ada.

"I also had a lot of fun talking to everyone at the leadership meeting. It's a great way for us to make new friends. The things we are learning in this program we can keep with us and use though out our life."

Also during the meeting, the group planned community service projects for November including food drives, serving in soup kitchens and making food baskets for those in need.

The next meeting is scheduled December 12 in Ada.

For more information about the Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program, contact Tonya Bierce, youth leadership coordinator at (580) 310-6620.

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October 2008 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Hannah Duty

Hannah Duty

Hannah, daughter of Kathleen Duty, of Ada, Okla., and the late David Duty, is an October 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.

Hannah is in the second grade at Latta Elementary and was nominated by second grade teacher Candace McMahan.

"Hannah is a great example to other children in her class by her participation, kindness, excellent work and good grades," said Ms. McMahan. "

Hannah is a member of the First Christian Church in Ada. She is involved in the Chickasaw Choir and gymnastics.

"In the future, I would like to be a cheerleader," said Hannah.

Micah Gross

Micah Gross

Micah, daughter of Mike and Samantha Gross, of Mill Creek, Okla., is an October 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.

Micah is a freshman at Roff High School and was nominated by business and computer teacher Jana Stewart.

"Micah is a hard working and conscientious student," said Ms. Stewart. "She always has a good attitude and is willing to help in any area needed."

Micah was salutatorian of her eighth grade class. She is on the academic team and a member of the Chickasaw Nation robotics team. Micah enjoys swimming, riding horses and walking outside.

"I would like to go to college and get a degree in nursing or plant biology, or become a veterinarian," said Micah.

Tera Otis

Tera Otis

Tera, daughter of Terry and Kim Otis, of Roff, Okla., is an October 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Journalism.

Tera is a junior at Roff High School and was nominated by business and computer teacher Jana Stewart.

"Tera links, uploads and edits the school's Web page," said Ms. Stewart. "She is vital to the production of the website."

Tera has been a member of the softball team for three years. She also participates in the Chickasaw Summer Youth program.

"I like to learn about my heritage," said Tera. "I am proud to be a Chickasaw."

J.J. Stewart

J.J. Stewart

J.J., daughter of Mike and Jana Stewart, of Roff, Okla., is an October 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.

J.J. is a freshman at Roff High School and was nominated by high school math teacher and coach Kathy Gregson.

"J.J. is one of the hardest working and dedicated young ladies I have had the privilege to coach," said Ms. Gregson. "She not only puts forth great effort during practice, but spends countless hours on her own to improve herself."

J.J. was valedictorian of her eighth grade class. She is a member of the student council and vice-president of the freshman class. J.J. enjoys playing fast and slow pitch softball as well as basketball. She is a member of the Roff First Baptist Church.

"My future plans include attending college and becoming a physical therapist," said J.J.

Vincent Turner

Vincent Turner

Vincent, son of Jeffrey and Carie Turner of Tualatin, Oregon, is an October 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Journalism.

Vincent is in the third grade at Byrom Elementary in Tualatin, Oregon, and was nominated by third grade teacher Kim McDill.

"Vincent is an amazing young man that has an outstanding writing gift," In my 21 years of teaching, I have not seen this caliber of writing in any third grade student."

Vincent's favorite school subjects are physical education and art. He enjoys reading and writing in his spare time. Vincent has written and illustrated several short stories. His hobbies include playing basketball, being with his friends, riding his bike and cheering for the Oklahoma Sooners.

Ashley White

Ashley White

Ashley, daughter of Chris and Shannon White of Houston, Texas, is an October 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.

Ashley is in the seventh grade within a home-schooled program and attends classes through the Home Education Partnership of Texas. She was nominated by home-school teacher and mother Shannon White.

"Ashley has been training for the last six years, every weekday for three hours per day in the sport of gymnastics," said Ms. White. "She recently had an outstanding year."

Ashley enjoys art, orchestra and gymnastics. She is a member of the United States of America Gymnastics organization. Last year Ashley placed 14th during the qualifying match to advance to the regional competition where she placed 21st.

"Someday, I hope to make it to the Olympics and I would love to get a scholarship to compete in college," said Ashley.

Ashli Worcester

Ashli Worcester

Ashli, daughter of Matt and Shelly Worcester, of Ada, Okla., is an October 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Citizenship.

Ashli is in the eighth grade at Latta Junior High and was nominated by assistant principal Terry Painter.

"Ashli is one of the nicest young ladies I have ever been around," said Mr. Painter. "I feel that Ashli represents the Chickasaw Honor Club well."

Ashli enjoys playing basketball and softball. In her spare time she likes to draw and read.

"When I grow up, I plan to be a doctor," said Ashli.

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Birthdays

Mary Clifford

Mary Lois Clifford, of Ada, Okla., celebrated her 94th birthday Nov. 19, 2008.

Bob Easley

Bob Easley celebrated his 57th birthday on Oct. 8, 2008 with his family.

"We love you Papa!"

Your 19 grandkids,

Jim, Andrew, Chris, Cheri, Bobbie, Deshon, Rainee, Chelsea, Staley, Boo, Aric, Justic, Taylor, Jaylen, Madison, Natalie, Diamond, Charley, and Marquis.

Darien Miller

Darien Colson Miller celebrated his first birthday Nov. 17, 2008. He is the son of Justin and JorDana Underwood-Miller.

He is the grandson of the late Terry Miller, Tommy Underwood, Glenda Miller and Sharree' Moran.

His brother, Bleston and sister, Ollie Jaise Miller are sidekicks in his adventurous life.

Jayden Johnson

Jayden Nicole Johnson celebrated her first birthday Oct. 26, 2008. She is the daughter of Sarah Renick-Creech, Francis, Okla., and Dustin Johnson, Ada, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Jerry and Dana Deatherage, Francis, Dean and Gilda Johnson, Stratford, Okla., Tanya Renick, Seminole, Okla., and the late Chad Renick. She is the great-granddaughter of Brian and Debra Shannon, the late Don and Patsy Clark, and Melinda Wyeth, Ardmore. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Nadine Owens and the late Johnny "Buck" Owens, and Wanda Wells, of Ada.

Jayden is the light of our life. Everywhere she goes people enjoy her big brown eyes and precious smile.

Chelsea Easley-Wade

Chelsea Easley-Wade turned "Sweet 16" on October 23, 208. She celebrated Oct. 25, with a Mardi Gras party.

Happy Birthday!

Love your family.

Charley Morgan

Charley Morgan celebrated her first birthday Oct. 23, 2008. She celebrated with a "Hello Kitty" cupcake party on Oct. 25 with her family and friends.

"Happy Birthday Charley!"

Love,

Mom, dad, Madison and Natalie

Student in ECU nursing program

Anthena Angelly

Athena Shea Angelly is a full-time student at East Central University.

She is the daughter of Judy Howell. She has a sister, Tessa Northcutt, and a brother, Bush Northcutt.

Miss Angelly was accepted in the Nursing Program Association at East Central (OK) University. Her family is so very proud of her and the choices she has made in her life.

Miss Angelly is in her third year of college and has one more year until she graduates as a registered nurse.

She is a Chickasaw citizen and is very proud of her heritage. Without the help of the Chickasaw grants and awards, this intelligent young lady would not be financially able to attend college.

We truly thank all the programs of the Chickasaw Nation, whom have made it possible for Athena to attend College.

Chickasaw midfielder part of N.M. state championship team

Darcy Odom

A Chickasaw high school soccer player's team has recently won a state championship.

Darcy Odom is a sophomore center midfielder for Albuquerque (NM) Academy. The team won the 4A girls' varsity state championship by shutting out each of its four opponents in the state playoffs.

The championship marks the first for the school since 2002.

Darcy was named to the All-District second team and was an honorable mention on the All-State team.

Darcy is the daughter of Chloe Shi Moore Odom and Dennis Odom.

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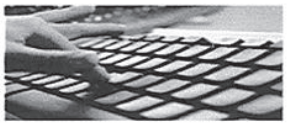


Births

Kay Gurry

Kay Brownlee Gurry was born September 16, 2008 to Tyler and Nicole Gurry.

She weighed 7 pounds and measured 19.25 inches at birth.

Her grandparents are Howard and Pauline Sliger of Stonewall, Okla., Morgan and Amanda Griboski of Ada, Okla.

Her great-grandparents are Phyllis Benton of Hugo, Okla., Paul and Beverly Loftin of Sapulpa, Okla., Dorothy Sliger of Ada, Jim Gurry of Del City, Okla., Nadine and Jack Hill of Muskogee, Okla., William Underwood of Washington, Ben Litzinger and the late Kay Litzinger, Washington and the late Jack and Jackie (Barbara) Griboski of Washington.

Kay is Chickasaw/Choctaw.

Alivia Gomez

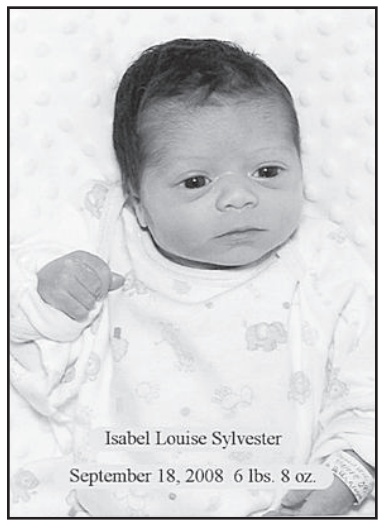
William and Sharla Gomez of Meeker, Okla., announce the birth of their daughter, **Alivia Lynn**.

Alivia was born July 11, 2008 at Shawnee, Okla., and weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz. at birth.

She is welcomed by a host of family members, grandparents, Lynn and Sheryl Tompkins, of Meeker, Patrica Gomez, of Newalla, Okla., and Joe Gomez, Jr., of Lawton, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of Wayne and Sharlet Lancaster, of Meeker, the late Harvey Leslie, and Mildred Leslie, of Newalla.

She is also welcomed by special uncle and aunt, John and Michelle Gomez and cousins, Kyla and Ethan, all of Sparks, Okla.

Alivia is the descendent of Nannie (Wade) Leslie, an original enrollee.



Isabel Sylvester

Isabel Louise Sylvester was born Sept. 18, 2008 at Riverside, Calif. She weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz., and measured 19 inches.

She is the daughter of Gary Sylvester and Shannon Louise (Thompson) Sylvester.

She is the granddaughter of Ron and Sharon Thompson. She is the great-granddaughter of Cheadle and Phyllis Thompson and the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee, Jacob Loren Thompson and Mattie Rebecca (Cheadle) Thompson.

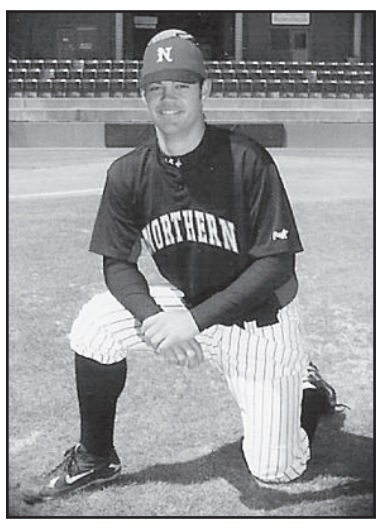
Reece Harjo

Riley Cole Youngblood announces the birth of his baby brother, **Reece Bon Harjo** at 8:39 a.m., Sept. 17, 2008 at Valley View Regional Hospital, Ada. He weighed 6 lbs., and measured 17 inches at birth.

He is the son of Brooke M. Williams and Brandon G. Harjo.

He is the grandson of Tillie M. Benson, Dennis G. Williams, and Elaine and Gerald Harjo.

Chickasaw ballplayer named to academic All-American team



C.J. Stewart

A Chickasaw student has recently been named to a national academic All-American list.

C.J. Stewart, a Chickasaw from Roff, Okla., was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Academic All-American team. Mr. Stewart was named to the list while playing baseball for Northern Oklahoma Junior College, in Enid.

While at Northern, Mr. Stewart struck out 72 batters in just 71 innings and compiled a 3.88 earned run average.

He was named to the Northern Dean's List for the fall 2007 and Spring 2008 semesters.

Mr. Stewart is now a junior at Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, Okla.

He is the son of Mike and Jana Stewart, of Roff.

He is the grandson of Ellen Green and Vernon Brown, of Roff, and Bobby and Neva Stewart, of Connerville, Okla.

Chickasaw school administrator honored with leadership award

Dr. Ruth Ann Carr accepts the University Council for Educational Administration Excellence in Educational Leadership Award.

A Chickasaw school administrator has recently been honored for her leadership and administrator preparation.

Dr. Ruth Ann Carr, a Chickasaw and Superintendent of Ardmore (OK) City Schools, received the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA) Excellence in Educational Leadership Award during October 3 ceremonies at Noble Stadium in Ardmore.

The UCEA established the award in 1999. This year's award was presented to Dr. Carr based on her efforts to influence and support the preparation of future educational leaders.

Each year, UCEA invites member university faculties to select a distinguished school administrator who has an exemplary record of support school administrator preparation efforts. Dr. Carr was nominated for the award by faculty members at the University of Oklahoma.

"Ardmore is truly fortunate to have a school administrator of Dr. Carr's caliber," Ardmore City Schools Board of Education president Nancy Porter said. "Her high expectations and standards are now the basis for our school administrators, faculty and staff. This national recognition reinforces the trust and faith we have in her integrity and her ability to lead our children to a successful future."

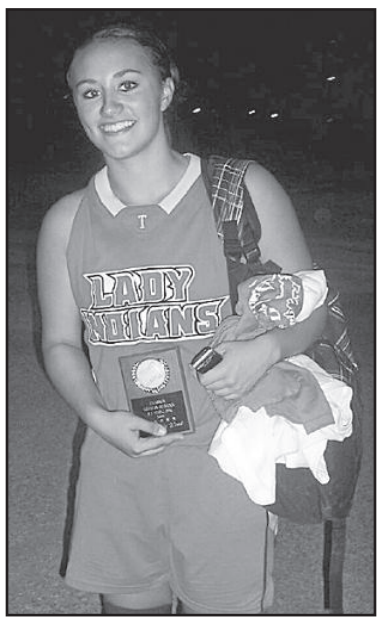
In addition to her role as superintendent, Dr. Carr has for the past 15 years fulfilled a number of administrative roles, including elementary principal, personnel director, and assistant superintendent of curriculum and supervision.

Dr. Carr has worked closely with state, university and community partners to promote best practices in the professional preparation of school leaders.

She is a member of and key contributor to the Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administration, the state administrative organization.

"Dr. Carr is a very talented, dynamic leader of Ardmore City Schools," Ardmore City Schools Board of Education vice president Brent Bahner said. "We are very proud of her and I am proud that UCEA has chosen to honor her in this way."

Tishomingo first baseman named to All-Star team



Kayla Jo Wood

A Chickasaw softball player has recently participated on a winning All-Star team.

Kayla Jo Wood, 16, is a junior at Tishomingo (OK) High School where she plays first base for the Lady Indians softball team.

Kayla Jo was named to the East All-Star Softball team, which played an All-Star game against the West squad on Oct. 13.

Starting at first base, Kayla Jo later came on to pitch in relief for the East squad. She pitched three shutout innings, walking three, striking out two and surrendering no hits. The East won a 1-0 victory.

In addition to her All-Star appearance, Kayla Jo received an honorable mention on the 2008 All-Ardmoreite Fast-pitch Softball team.

She is the daughter of Patricia Wood and Scott Wood, both of Tishomingo. Her little sisters are Neely and Cheyenne Woood.

She is the granddaughter of Larry and Eugenia Wood, of Tishomingo, Phyllis Seymore, of Bethany, Okla., and the late Joe Plumley.

Her great-grandparents are Floyd and Joyce Hackworth, of Bromide, Okla.

Chickasaw girl named Lake Travis prom queen

Carrie Cadenhead

A Chickasaw student was named prom queen of her senior class.

Carrie Cadenhead, of Austin, Texas, was crowned prom queen of the 2008 Lake Travis High School senior class.

Miss Cadenwood is currently enrolled in nursing school at Baylor University.

She is the daughter of Gary and Heather Hamilton Cadenhead.

SNU student graduates with honors

Camille Palmer

Camille Dawn Palmer, a Chickasaw student from Norman, Okla., recently graduated with honors from Southern Nazarene University.

Miss Palmer achieved a 3.26 grade point average while at Southern Nazarene. She wore the Chikasha Holitoplichi honor stole during her graduation.

Miss Palmer earned a bachelor of science degree in sports management. During her career at Southern Nazarene, she played softball for the college team.

She is the daughter of Joe and Gayla Palmer, of Norman.

Tribal workers walk in Breast Cancer event

Chickasaw Nation employees Mike Wingo, Jennifer Barnes Kerns and Rhonda Hughes participated in the Breast Cancer 3-Day event in Dallas, on November 7-9. The three-day series takes place in 14 cities nationwide and raises millions of dollars for breast cancer research, education and community outreach. Participating walkers average 20 miles per day and raise awareness about breast cancer and breast health messages along the way. Participants are provided meals, snacks, mobile showers, tents, safety guidelines, 24-hour medical support and other resources needed for a safe and memorable experience. Congratulations to everyone who participated and helped make the event a success!

Chickasaw student named University of Oklahoma Homecoming King

2008 University of Oklahoma Homecoming King Ben Bigbie and Homecoming Queen Amanda Holloway.

A Chickasaw student has recently been named University of Oklahoma Homecoming King.

Ben Bigbie was named OU Homecoming King during halftime of the October 18 OU-Kansas football game.

Mr. Bigbie is a senior majoring in economics and pre-med. He will graduate from OU in May 2009 and plans to enter medical school in the fall.

Mr. Bigbie is the son of Bane and Melanie Bigbie, of Norman, Okla. He is the grandson of Bane and Faye Bigbie, of Ringling, Okla., and Ann Eldridge, of Tulsa.

He is the great-grandson of Anne Wise, of Okmulgee, Okla.

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Palmer, Cox exchange vows at Thunderbird Chapel

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Cox

Camille Palmer, a Chickasaw citizen, and Doyle Cox, both of Norman, Okla., were married Sept. 20 during an afternoon ceremony at Thunderbird Chapel. Senior pastor Justin Oberndorfer officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Joe and Gayla Palmer, of Norman. The groom's parents are Doyle Cox Jr., and Sally Cox, of Slaughterville, Okla.

The bride wore a white strapless gown, with a teal strip across the top and a teal corset. She carried a bouquet of teal and white hibiscus.

The maid of honor was Candice Palmer, of Norman. Bridesmaids were Carissa Clumpner and Lindsay Schlueter, of Dallas, and Lauren Schlueter, of Norman.

The best man was James Cox, of Norman. Groomsmen were Brian Cox, of Dallas, and Richard Cox and Jeran Cooley, of Norman.

Flower girls were Riley and Rory Cox. Justin Palmer was the ring bearer.

Brittany Cox, of Norman, was the candlelighter.

A reception followed the wedding at Thunderbird Chapel. The couple honeymooned in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

The bride is a graduate of Norman North High School and Southern Nazarene University. She is employed at Southwest Veterinary Hospital.

The groom is a graduate of Noble High School. He is employed at Hibdon Tires Plus.

The couple resides in Norman.

Happy Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Williams

Happy first wedding anniversay to Christian and Tamra Williams, married Dec. 23, 2007.

Byars, Ferrari wed in Sacramento

Falesha Babe Byars, a Chickasaw, and Russell James Ferrari were married Sept. 13, 2008 in Sacramento, Calif.

The bride is the daughter of Timothy Mark Byars and Billie Louise Mitchell. She is the granddaughter of Harrison and Juanita Byars and Billy and Lillian Benson.

The groom is the son of Diana Bradshaw and Fred Ferrari, of Sacramento. He is the grandson of Jim and Doris Ferrari and Bob and Jeanette Snyder.

The groom is in the U.S. Navy and serves aboard the USS Kittyhawk CV-63, homeported in Bremerton, Washington.

The bride attends Olympic College where she is pursuing a degree in criminal forensics.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ferrari

Miss Chickasaw busy representing tribe

By CARLA LANE
2008 - 2009
Miss Chickasaw

Chukma! My name is Carla Lane, and on September 29, 2008 I was crowned the 2008-2009 Chickasaw Princess. This was a very exciting night for me, and I am honored to have been chosen to represent the Chickasaw Nation.

Since the pageant, I have represented the Chickasaw Nation at many events. My first duty was to attend the Cultural Evening at the Sulphur Cultural Center. It was exciting to greet visitors as they came in for the first viewing of the new center.

My next event was the Chickasaw Festival. During the Chickasaw Festival, I attended the State of the Nation and was able to meet many Chickasaw Citizens, and greet them as they came through the door to hear the Governor Speak. I also got to assist the Governor and Lt. Governor in the drawings that were held.

After the speech, I rode in the parade through downtown Tishomingo. When the parade was over, the other princesses and I went to the park and capital to visit with many different people.

October was a really busy month. I had dress fitting, events, and had to practice signing the Lord's Prayer. I had worked very long and hard to learn the Lord's Prayer, and got to perform it for the first time at Kullihoma at the Leadership Oklahoma event.

On October 29, I performed the Lord's Prayer for the Victims and Survivors Event that was held at East Central University in Ada. This was a special event for me to represent the Chickasaw Nation at.

My last two events for the month of October were the Head Start trick or treat events at Ardmore and Ada. It was fun to get to see the children dressed up in their costumes and to see their faces light up when I handed them their sack.

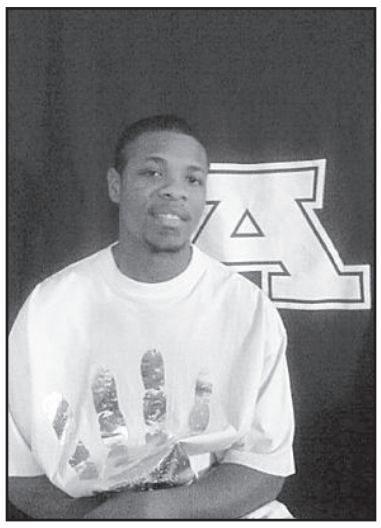
The first event in November was Youth Heritage Day at the National Wildlife Refuge in Tishomingo. Here, I performed the Lord's Prayer for the children from many different schools, including Ravia School, where I attended Elementary School.

On November 14, I attended the Friends of the Foundation Reception, and performed the Lord's Prayer there. On the 12th I went to Washington Elementary School in Ada for Native American Heritage Month. I told my story Baby Rattlesnake to 3rd and 4th grades. The students really enjoyed the story and had many questions about being princess.

The past two months of being princess has been a whirlwind of activities, but I have enjoyed every minute of it. I am looking forward to attending the Elders Thanksgiving this month and many other events this Holiday Season.

If you are interested on learning how to become a princess or you would like more information on the Chickasaw Nation Princess Program, please contact Toni Castleberry, princess program coordinator, at 580-272-7710 or email toni.castleberry@chickasaw.net

Ada linebacker accepts scholarship to Oklahoma State



Colton Richardson

A Chickasaw football player will soon be trading his Cougar maroon for Cowboy orange.

Colton Richardson, a senior at Ada (OK) High School, has accepted a full-ride football scholarship to Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Colton began playing football in the seventh grade. He said his older brother inspired him to be an athlete.

"I would watch him play football and want to be just like him," Colton said.

As a player, he grew to love the physical part of the sport.

"I love it because it's a full-contact sport," said the linebacker and wide receiver. "I feel like hitting is my biggest strength."

Standing 6'3" and weighing 225 pounds, Colton's size has given him an advantage in the sport.

"He always started and the coaches played him a year ahead," said Vernita MacDowell, Colton's mother.

Colton is the second person in his family to attend college, so he is ecstatic about this opportunity.

"A full-ride isn't easy to come by," he said."When they offered it, I was really excited."

Aside from his talent on the football field, Colton is an avid basketball player and a good student. He currently carries a 3.3 grade point average.

"Colton has always made sure that athletics didn't cause his academics to suffer," his mother said.

"We are all extremely proud of all he has accomplished."

Colton was recruited by several football powerhouses including Texas Tech University, University of Oklahoma, University of Tulsa and Iowa State University.

He will admit that like many other Adans, he grew up a Sooner fan. But his allegiance has changed a bit.

Breaking tradition, Colton's one-year-old son, Camaree, will don Cowboy orange rather than Sooner crimson.

"I already bought him a little OSU jersey," he said.

Colton will graduate from Ada High School in May 2009. He is the son of Vernita and Al MacDowell.

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Chickasaw Language Club 'Sports Fun Day' set for Dec. 20

The Chickasaw Nation Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) language club is hosting its December monthly meeting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, December 20 at the Chickasaw Nation gym in Ada.

The monthly theme is "Sports Fun Day." Children will learn Chickasaw words related to sports and practice different sports. Participants will also begin preparing for the University of Oklahoma Native American Youth Fair.

Chipota Chikashshanompoli meetings focus on the importance of using the Chickasaw language in daily life. Each month the club meets to learn Chickasaw language and embark on a fun adventure that will incorporate newly introduced Chickasaw words.

Club meetings are conducted one Saturday each month and open to all children ages three to 12 who are interested in learning the Chickasaw language. To join the language club or to inquire about upcoming meetings, contact Teresa McDonald at (580) 272-5310, teresa.mcdonald@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/cca.

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Chickasaw Nation Head Start and Child Care children enjoy Halloween

ADA, Okla. – The Chickasaw Nation Head Start and Child Care departments hosted a trick-or-treat event for children enrolled in Head Start and Child Care programs.

On Thursday, October 30, nearly 100 children enjoyed the trick-or-treat festivities during the Ardmore event at the old Carter Seminary gym. On Friday, October 31, approximately 200 children were in attendance during the Ada event at the Chickasaw Nation old Community Center gym.

Chickasaw Nation employees and children joined in on the fun by dressing up as ghosts, superheroes, princesses and more. Children six weeks to six years of age enjoyed bags full of candy, while music and games were also provided by departments and employees.

For more information about Chickasaw Nation programs and services, visit www.chickasaw.net or call (580) 436-2603.

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Two-year-old Child Care student Hayden Manuel dressed as Big Bird during the Chickasaw Nation Head Start and Child Care trick-or-treat event on Friday, October 31 at the Chickasaw Nation old Community Center Gym in Ada.

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Fifth Annual Chickasaw Nation Child Care Conference conducted

Elvis impersonator Brad Deramus is pictured with Valorie Walters, Michelle Wilson and Colton Wilson at the Child Care Conference luncheon.

ADA, Okla. - The fifth annual Chickasaw Nation Child Care Conference was November 7-8 at East Central University. The conference theme was "Shake, Rattle and Roll." Approximately 120 child care professionals attended.

The conference is designed as an informational and motivational seminar for child care professionals. The conference consisted of several information sessions including baby talk, building a healthy brain, child physical activities, self defense and more. Entertainment for the conference luncheon included an Elvis impersonator.

The conference keynote speaker was Richard Hight. Mr. Hight is a recognized fine artist and speaker who inspires individuals to achieve fulfillment in their personal lives. He challenges individuals and organizations to implement creativity and innovation to accomplish visions and goals. Mr. Hight's paintings have graced museums, private and corporate collections as well as magazines. His work has also been featured on ABC, NBC, CBS and FOX networks.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Child Care department, call (580) 310-9490 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Chickasaw White House harkens back to early days with Harvest Fest

Participants enjoy bluegrass music performed by the Hampton Family on the porch of the Chickasaw White House.

Dozens of area citizens slipped back in time at Harvest Fest, hosted by the Chickasaw White House November 15.

Harvest Fest was intended to represent the lifestyle of Chickasaw Governor Douglas Hancock Johnston and his family during the early 1900s.

"We want everyone to re-visit this time and experience things that the Johnston's did," said Glenda Galvan, site manger for the Chickasaw White House.

Several period-themed activities took place, including carriage rides, a performance by the Wild West acting group The Ada Free Rangers and music performed by bluegrass ensemble, the Hampton Family.

Louise Bramlett of Oklahoma City was impressed with her first visit to the Chickasaw White House.

"It's so beautiful here," she said. "It's great to see how they lived back then, and the music makes it even better."

Make-and-take craft classes were offered, teaching participants how to make items such as scare crows and pine cone bird feeders.

Brothers Ajay and Nigel Blocker of Varnum especially enjoyed making "snacks" for the birds.

"I've already made two," Ajay said. "It's cool to make things like they made a long time ago."

Lynn Moroney, traditional Chickasaw storyteller, was on hand to tell fables to children in the parlor of the White House.

Lunch and snacks also followed the early 1900s harvest theme.

The department of Museums and Historic Sites hopes to make Harvest Fest a family tradition.

"This is definitely something we'd like to do every year," Galvan said.

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Thanksgiving Luncheon brings elders from across Chickasaw Nation together

Members from the Achille Senior Center at the Elders' Thanksgiving Luncheon conducted Nov. 21 in Ada.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Aging hosted the annual Elders' Thanksgiving Luncheon and Bazaar Nov. 21 at the Pontotoc County Agriplex in Ada, Okla.

Refreshments were served as nearly 300 elders arrived from Oklahoma Senior Centers played games and browsed fundraising craft booths.

Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel welcomed the elders, saying that Chickasaws have a lot to be thankful for.

"This is time for us to get together, be thankful for all we accomplished this last year and to look forward to the next," he said.

After the Lt. Governor spoke, the Chickasaw Princesses performed The Lord's Prayer. Elder Joann Ellis introduced *Sipokni Hataloowa Chi* (Elder Singers) to perform Choctaw Hymns.

The elders were treated to a performance by *Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli*, the young children's Chickasaw language club.

An invocation was delivered in Chickasaw by Marie Beck before a traditional Thanksgiving feast was served by staff from several senior centers.

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Speaking Chickasaw

Children from Chepota Chikasha Anumpol perform a skit in their native Chickasaw language.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Angie Khoury and two-year-old daughter Eryn enjoy a piece of pumpkin pie during the Child Care Thanksgiving luncheon on Thursday, November 20 at the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center.

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After School Arts Program shifted to Saturdays in four communities

The Chickasaw Nation Arts in Education department is changing the format of its After School Arts Program. Beginning in January 2009, it will be known as "A Saturday Arts Program" (ASAP).

"We wanted to make the program more accessible and convenient for the participants and their parents," said Laura Stewart, Arts in Education director.

In addition to changing the day on which the program is conducted, a new format has been applied to the way it is presented.

For participants in grades three through six, instructional art workshops will be offered. These workshops will be similar to those presented in the After School Arts Program. Focusing on traditional Native American art forms, students will have an opportunity to create items such as coiled pottery and warrior masks.

ASAP workshop dates and locations for grades three through six are as follows:

Ardmore Area Office
2400 Chickasaw Blvd
Ardmore, OK
Saturday, December 13, 2008
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Ada Chickasaw Old Community Center
Chickasaw Nation Headquarters Campus
520 East Arlington
Ada, OK
Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sulphur Community Center
410 E. Oklahoma
Sulphur, OK
Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Purcell Public Library
919 9th St.
Purcell, OK
Saturday, Mar. 7, 2009
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For participants grades seven through 12, the Division has implemented a Chickasaw Young Artists Initiative to create a more advanced mentoring program for aspiring artists.

"This is a roots and wings program," said art instructor Trina Jones. "We want to give them the guidance to step out on their own as artists."

The program is intended to nurture the talent of young artists who have a specific interest in visual arts. They will be encouraged to bring in art that they have been working on and refine their perspective and vision using the guidance of Chickasaw art instructors Trina Jones and Eric Hardison.

A studio will be set up at the Miko Building on the Ada Chickasaw Nation Headquarters campus. Participants will book studio time every Tuesday and Thursday within the hours of 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"It's like an independent study," Jones said. "The students will have to be self-motivated."

Aside from the in-studio instruction, the participants will receive advice on how to enter their work in local and national art competitions. This will also be an opportunity for the artists to learn about and receive Advanced Placement (AP) hours. Through college-level AP courses, students explore knowledge that otherwise remain unexplored in high school.

"AP instruction and exams can be offered at places other than in schools," said Jones, a certified AP instructor. "This will be an opportunity to build their portfolios and gear them towards college."

Advanced Placement exams give students the opportunity to earn credit or advanced standing at most of the nation's colleges and universities.

Deadline for enrollment for the Chickasaw Young Artists Initiative program is Jan. 5, 2009.

For the ASAP workshops, enrollment forms must be turned no later than a week before the scheduled workshop date.

Enrollment forms can be picked up at the Arts in Education Department, Miko Building, 520 E. Arlington in Ada. The forms are also available by mail.

For more information contact Cara Criswell at (580) 272-5520 or cara.criswell@chickasaw.net.

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Pauls Valley elders enjoy a 'spooky' good time on Halloween

The members of the Chickasaw Senior Center in Pauls Valley, Okla., celebrated Halloween with a costume party on Nov. 1, 2009.

"They've had a blast today," said Mary McGill, site manager. "It's great to see them all dressed up!"

Nearly 30 elders had a costume contest, ate lunch and played games such as horseshoes, bingo and Nintendo Wii Bowling.

Pauls Valley was among eleven senior centers in the area to host individual Halloween parties this year.

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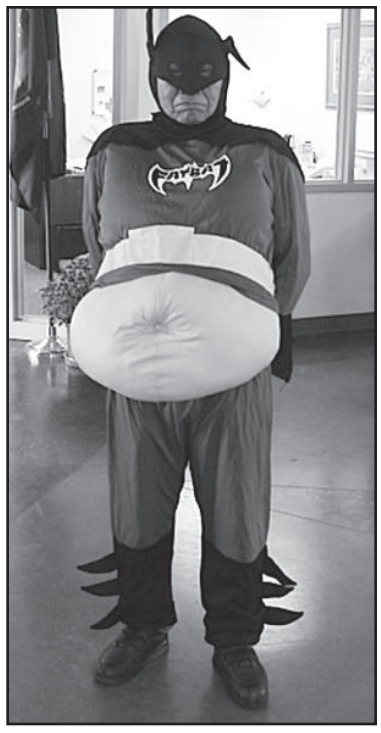
Sheriff Betty Crabtree takes her husband, Melvin as a prisoner.



"Fat Bat" also known as Lincoln Meely.

Members of the Pauls Valley Senior Center.

Jack and Elwanda Loyd.

Aspiring authors benefit from words of Chickasaw writer Linda Hogan

Linda Hogan discuss writing skills with Beverly and Jerry Brigham.

Chickasaw Writer in Residence Linda Hogan recently hosted a workshop to help writers develop their skills. The workshop was conducted Oct. 28 through Dec. 9 at the Chickasaw White House in Tishomingo, Okla.

Participants brought poems, stories and other types of writing to share with Hogan and the other members of the workshop.

"There's a good energy when writing is shared in a supportive environment," Hogan said.

Writers were led in creativity exercises and encouraged to expand upon existing ideas.

"It's nice to hear other ideas on my work in a comfortable environment and without being judged," said Caroline Birkin, an aspiring writer from Tishomingo.

Twice a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, Hogan has published numerous novels, essays, plays and environmental literature. She also played a prominent role in the development of contemporary Native American poetry. She taught at the University of Minnesota and has been an Associate Professor at the University of Colorado in Boulder since 1989.

Hogan is planning to conduct another writers' workshop in January. In addition to continuing the efforts of current participants, this workshop will be open to new writers as well.

For more information, contact Hogan at (580)436-2603 or at horsemustang@aol.com.

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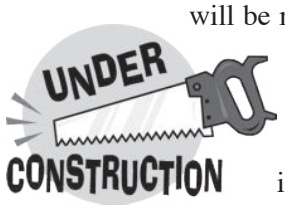

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Cooperative effort gets specific

'Diabetes Day Camp' helps Chickasaws focus on prevention, good health

Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center DietitianMelissa Vavricka-Conaway teaches participants about healthy habits.

The Chickasaw Nation and Valley View Regional Hospital co-hosted "Diabetes Day Camp: Take the Challenge" event Monday, November 10 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center.

More than 35 people attended the event.

During the event, participants received health screenings, nutrition and exercise guidance and were able to participate in a variety of group sessions focusing on various topics related to diabetes.

Sessions included information on nutrition education, eye care, diabetes and the heart, dental care, wellness and various other topics.

Dr. Curtis Harris addressed many topics related to diabetes and conducted an interactive Q&A session during the Diabetes Day Camp event.

Dr. Curtis Harris, Chickasaw Nation Health System Chief of Endocrinology and Medical Director of the Diabetes Care Center, was the keynote speaker for the event.

Dr. Harris spoke on many topics associated with diabetes and treatment. Diabetes, he said, was typically related to genetics combined with environmental factors. He likened the process to a light switch.

"The switch is there and something turns it on," Dr. Harris said.

Environmental factors that can trigger type 2 diabetes include poor exercise, weight and eating habits. Dr. Harris reminded patients that diabetes could be effectively managed by monitoring blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar. In an effort to increase exercise and overall wellness, Dr. Harris encouraged patients to walk more and to measure their progress using a pedometer.

An interactive Q&A session was also conducted after Dr. Harris' presentation.

The following tips were offered to help with effective meal planning:

- Eat three meals per day, plus a bedtime snack
- Eat meals and planned snacks at regular times
- Avoid skipping meals and snacks
- Portion control is key to carbohydrate counting. Stay within the serving size of each food item by weighing or measuring out food items.
- Recommended carbohydrate counts
  - o Women
    - § Breakfast of 45-50 grams of carbohydrate
    - § Lunch of 45-50 grams of carbohydrate
    - § Dinner of 45-50 grams of carbohydrate
    - § Bedtime snack of 30 grams of carbohydrate
  - o Men
    - § Breakfast of 60-65 grams of carbohydrate
    - § Lunch of 60-65 grams of carbohydrate
    - § Dinner of 60-65 grams of carbohydrate
    - § Bedtime snack of 30 grams of carbohydrate

Diabetes is a disease that affects the body's ability to produce and properly use insulin. Insulin is needed to convert sugar, starches and other foods into energy. Type 2 diabetes is the most common type of diabetes affecting Native Americans. Many complications are associated with diabetes including heart disease, kidney disease, and eye and foot complications. For more information on the CNHS Diabetes Care Center, call (580) 421-4532.

Contributed by Karissa Pickett, tribal media relations.

The Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! Program Announces Classes

Ada Nutrition Services, 518 E. Arlington
December 9: 10 a.m. and noon
December 11: 10 a.m. and noon
January 6: 10 a.m. and noon
January 8: 10 a.m. and noon
January 13: 10 a.m. and noon
January 15: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook
December 10: 10 a.m. and noon
December 11: 6 p.m.
January 7: 10 a.m. and noon
January 14: 10 a.m. and noon
January 15: 6 p.m.
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.
December 9: 10 a.m. and noon
December 10: 10 a.m. and noon
January 6: 10 a.m. and noon
January 7: 10 a.m. and noon
January 13: 10 a.m. and noon
January 14: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (580) 226-8289.

Purcell Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.
December 9: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
January 6: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
January 9: 10 a.m. and noon
January 13: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
January 16: 10 a.m. and noon
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These exciting cooking shows are free and open to the public and demonstrate healthy cooking for the entire family! Leave with recipes, nutrition education and new ideas to cook healthier every day!

Food Distribution Program guidelines expanded

In accordance with a recent child care deduction change in regulations for the Food Distribution Program, more households may now qualify for program benefits.

Effective October 1, 2008

- The child care deduction can be used by families that qualify for the dependent care deduction. The maximum allowable deduction for dependent care cost under the program has been removed.
- Households receiving Food Distribution Program benefits can claim the actual allowable dependent care expenses for each child or other dependent. Households can only claim dependent care expenses as a deduction if dependent care is provided outside the home (can be a family member) and a money payment is made for the services.

As always, we look forward to serving you!

If you have questions regarding the recent qualification change for the Food Distribution Program, please call (888) 436-7255 or (580) 436-7255.

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Indian families sought for type 2 diabetes genetic study

"Genetic and Environmental Contributions to Diabetes in Oklahoma American Indians."

The purpose of this study is to find genes that increase the risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

This is a family study. This study is open to adults between the ages of 18 and 75 years. The basic eligibility criteria are:

1. American Indian families.
2. You have been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes.
3. You have an adult family member who would like to take part in this study. This family member can be a sister or brother with or without type 2 diabetes, or a parent without type 2 diabetes.

Participation involves donating a saliva sample and completing a questionnaire on diet, physical activity levels, alcohol and cigarette use, family diabetes history, and ancestry. Type 2 diabetes information will be collected from medical records.

Time commitment and compensation: It will take about 2 hours to complete the questionnaire, and 5 minutes to collect saliva. Questionnaires and saliva collection kits can be mailed to your home to complete at your own pace. Individuals who participate in the study will be given a gift card for their time.

For more information or to see if your family qualifies, please contact one of the individuals listed below. When inquiring, please mention the Indian Families Diabetes study.

Diane Warren (University of Oklahoma): (405) 325-7609, toll free at (866) 322-3767 or dmwarren@ou.edu

Lancer Stephens (OU Health Sciences): toll free at (866) 863-7348 extension 42732 or lancer-stephens@ouhsc.edu

The Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center: (580) 421-4532, or toll free at (800) 851-9136 extension 82260

Principal Investigator: Diane M. Warren

University of Oklahoma Department of Anthropology
455 West Lindsey
Dale Hall Tower 521
Norman, OK 73019
(405) 325-7609

Central Texas council celebrates with year-end picnic

Gene Thompson was guest speaker at the opening of the National Native American Indian Heritage Month activities for the U.S. Army South Command in San Antonio, Texas on Nov. 14, 2008.

Like most Indian groups around the country, the Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas had a busy November due it being the National Native American Heritage Month. In addition to holding its last Council meeting of 2008 – the annual year-end picnic - the Council members were busy representing the Council at Native American activities throughout central and south Texas.

It started with a tv interview of the Council president, Gene Thompson on a Sunday morning program exploring Native American spirituality and the Austin Powwow. Then came the two days of preparing for and helping to conduct the largest free powwow in the U.S. on November 1st in Austin; participation in the Native American program at the Texas state cultural museum; talks at two military command observances in San Antonio; two days of lectures at a local high school; and participation in four additional powwows.

The Council had an ad in the Austin Powwow and had an information at the Texas State University Celebration of Peoples Powwow.

For updates on Council and Central Texas Native American activities, the Council encourages its members and all Chickasaws to visit their website at cccctx.org <http://cccctx.org> periodically to learn of what the Council is planning.

Colorado Community council enjoys Harvest Festival

The Colorado Chickasaw Community Council conducted its Harvest Festival meeting on November 8. It was a great to see so many old friends and welcome the new friends that we met. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship.

Our speaker was Dr. Wendell Cox from the Denver Library Western History Section. He was very informative regarding what is available as close as the Denver Library and much of the material is online.

Special guests from Ada were Vickye Gordon and Sheilla Brashier. They came up to visit with us and answer questions that people had. There was a pot luck with turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, green salad, homemade cranberry sauce and many other dishes. We had a drawing for door prizes and gave away, a CD rack, bath set, two-one pound boxes of handmade chocolates by a friend of Pam Thompson, handmade afghan, dish towels, basket, and other gifts. There were special age appropriate door prizes for the children that visited us.

Please mark your calendar, the next meeting will be February 14, 2009. More information will be coming as we get closer to that date. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

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The Chickasaw Nation Health System has full-time, immediate openings within the tribal boundaries for qualified medical personnel in the following specialties:

- 2 Physical Therapists, Ada
- 1 Dentist, Ada
- 1 Dentist, Tishomingo Clinic
- 1 Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner, Purcell Clinic
- 1 Physician Assistant, Ardmore Clinic

For details on any of the professional positions listed above, please contact:

Ronnie Shaw, Professional Recruiter
Chickasaw Nation Health System
(580) 272-7272
ronnie.shaw@chickasaw.net

Beth Campbell, Staff Recruiter
Chickasaw Nation Health System
(580) 272-7320
beth.campbell@chickasaw.net

Wichita council members participate in Trail of Tears Memorial Walk

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita members who walked the 8th Annual Trail of Tears Memorial Walk on November 1.

The rare honor of representing the Chickasaw Nation was accorded Chuck Rivas, the secretary of the Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, when he went on a 1997 pilgrimage to Medjugorjie dubbed the "Powwow in Bosnia." Rivas related his experiences on the pilgrimage to the Wichita Council at its Nov. 16 meeting.

Medjugorie is a site of a constant stream of pilgrimages to Bosnia-Herzegovina where six young people in 1981 reported contact with a vision of the Virgin Mary. Rivas visited the site for the first time in 1996 when war was being waged on all sides of the holy site, and again in 1997 when he attended as a Chickasaw and was with a delegation of Indians including members of tribes including Hopi, Sioux, Seminole, Apache, Cree, Micmac and Pawnee. Rivas said the pilgrimage attracted thousands.

Twenty-five people, including newcomers from Emporia and Topeka, turned out for the October meeting of the Council of Wichita on Oct. 19 at the Mid-America All-Indian Center.

Vickye Gordon, the liaison between the Council and the Chickasaw Nation, and her husband Mike attended both the October and November meetings, bringing favors and answering questions individually from a contingent from Topeka and others about member benefits.

James Green, the military historian of the Council who also restores bicycles, brought a classic Schwinn bicycle he restored with new paint and decal and refurbishing of the spokes, fenders and rims.

On Nov. 1, the Wichita Council participated in one of the most important events of the year, the 8th annual Trail of Tears Memorial walk from the Indian Methodist Church to the Mid-America All-Indian Center, approximately one mile.

The Chickasaws walked as a group with Chuck Rivas as the bearer of the official flag of the Nation.

The walk is sponsored by the Hunter Health Clinic, which also offered free flu shots. Attending the October Council meeting for the first time from Emporia were Dee Wells and his daughter Kindra.

Lynn Stumblingbear announced that the next meeting will be at 3 p.m. Dec.14 at the Mid-America All-Indian Center. The speaker will be Dr. Robert Bales, a former teacher at Kansas Newman, Friends and Southwestern universities. His subject will be the Mound Builder Societies of the Southeastern Indians.

OKC council invites metro area citizens

The Oklahoma City Chickasaw Community Council will meet December 2, for our monthly meeting. We will be enjoying a great Ham Dinner at 6 p.m.

Each one is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to compliment the ham.

Our speaker will be Bill Lance, Administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Health System. Bill will bring us up to date on the new hospital facility, as well as other information about the Chickasaw Nation Health System. We look forward to hearing what he has to share with us.

The OKC Council meets at 4005 NW Expressway 6th floor, Oklahoma City.

All metro area Chickasaws are invited to join us. We look forward to seeing you.

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Children's Christmas Celebration
December 8, (580) 310-6620

Elder's Christmas Luncheon
December 19, (580) 795-9790

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Children's Christmas Celebration
December 15, (580) 310-6620

CONNERVILLE
Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

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Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Patricia Bostick, (580) 564-3607

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Tom Hogland, 405-381-2268

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Linda O'Hagan, 405-350-3311

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Betty Kemp, 405-364-0355

Children's Christmas Celebration
December 11, (580) 310-6620

TISHOMINGO
Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

CALIFORNIA
Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Lynn M. Dorrough, 909-213-7273

COLORADO
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Quarterly Meetings
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
3rd Sunday at 3:00 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-945-9219 or Pam Harjo, 316-393-0696

NEW MEXICO
New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Chris Rodke, 505-980-1368

TEXAS
Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
San Antonio, TX Area
Michele Moody, 210-492-2288

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
Austin, Texas Area
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
3rd Saturday at 2:00 p.m.
Stan Farmer, (682) 234-4910

Chickasaw Composers, continued from page 1

These Native American student composers heard their classical music compositions performed by the Ambrosia String Quartet at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Back row from left are Wyas Parker, Emmanuell Gray, Chickasaw composer and Classic Native principal Jerod Tate, Courtney Parchcorn, Division of Arts and Humanities administrator Lona Barrick and Joel Waukazo. Middle row from left are Paris Fairbanks and Kate Duty. Front row from left are Madeline Smith, Sara Gabalawi, Caeli Smith and Erica Tursi.

the Museum and the Kennedy Center, that provides them a sense of worth and validation," said Bass.

Jerod Tate, a Chickasaw composer of classical music, has been involved with Classical Native since its inception. He has also served as an instructor at the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy. He said he chose these students because of the quality of their work.

"I think these are some of the higher achieving students," said Tate. "I believe they have the talent and the skill to go into music if that's what they choose.

"The compositions are very fresh and very honest. I am finding this combination of young composers and a young quartet to be exciting.

"Musicians and composers alike agreed that working with others added a new dimension to the music."

"It was easy to communicate with the musicians, because they were closer in age," said Miss Duty. "I think they really understood what I meant because they use the same slang and lingo."

Madeline Smith, violinist with the Ambrosia Quartet, said the music was very different at first, but after they had played it a while they were having fun playing the music and had grown to appreciate the music and "the beautiful melodies."

Having the chance to meet the composers and talk with them, she said, helped them understand what the composers had in mind.

"The music has a lot of emotion that deserves to be expressed," she said.

Courtney Parchcorn's mother, Francine Parchcorn, said she believed the event had been a life changing experience for her daughter.

"Her music, I know that it's real, and to hear it played by here by such a talented quartet, it's hard to describe, really," said Mrs. Parchcorn with tears welling in her eyes.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

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stalled, concrete has been poured and steel has been erected at the site. The project is on schedule and 42 percent complete. Date of substantial completion is set for January 2010.

"We are here today because of your hard work," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby as he recognized Flintco, Inc., workers and Chickasaw Nation officials and staff who have worked together to make historic progress on the facility.

"We are one step closer to achieving our vision of healthy American Indians through informed choices and excellent health services," he said. "This facility will allow us to provide the highest quality patient care for generations to come."

In addition to the remarkable construction progress, the Chickasaw Nation Health System applied for and was awarded Joint Venture funding by Indian Health Service on October 17, 2007. Through the unique joint venture partnership with IHS, the Joint Venture funds will enable CNHS to fully staff the new facility much more quickly than would have been possible otherwise. Over time, CNHS expects to add 300 new positions to staff the facility, which will include physicians, nurses and other workers.

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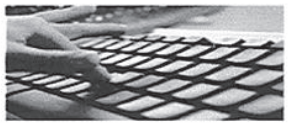

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Head Staff: Master of Ceremonies: Rob Daugherty, Cherokee
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Head Man Dancer - Michael Roberts, Choctaw
Head Lady Dancer - Socha Love, Cherokee (Miss Indian Oklahoma)
Gourd Clan - Comanche Little Ponies
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Nations containing 139.61 acres more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $418.83. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $52.35 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR25-087.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-087 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-088, Oil and Gas Lease in Sequoyah and LeFlore Counties, Arkansas River Bed

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Cardinal River Energy I LP, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Cardinal River Energy has submitted an acceptable bid of $207.00 per acre for a total bonus of $11,076.57. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $1,384.57, on property belonging to the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations containing 53.51 acres more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $160.53. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $20.07 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR25-088.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-088 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-089, Oil and Gas Lease in Sequoyah and LeFlore Counties, Arkansas River Bed

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Gary A. Monroe and Associates, of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Gary A. Monroe and Associates has submitted an acceptable bid of $125.00 per acre for a total bonus of $11,241.25. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $1,405.16, on property belonging to the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations containing 89.93 acres more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $269.79. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $33.72 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Mrs. Green to approve GR25-089.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-089 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-090, Oil and Gas Lease in Sequoyah and LeFlore Counties, Arkansas River Bed

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Gary A. Monroe and Associates of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Gary A. Monroe and Associates has submitted an acceptable bid of $201.01 per acre for a total bonus of $1,302.54, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $162.82, on property belonging to the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations containing 6.48 acres more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $19.44. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $2.43 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR25-090.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-090 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-091, Oil and Gas Lease in Sequoyah and LeFlore Counties, Arkansas River Bed

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Gary A. Monroe and Associates, of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Gary A. Monroe and Associates has submitted an acceptable bid of $201.01 per acre for a total bonus of $28,881.12, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $3,610.14, on property belonging to the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations containing 143.68 acres more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $431.04. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $53.88 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR25-091.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-091 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-092, Oil and Gas Lease in Sequoyah and LeFlore Counties, Arkansas River Bed

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Gary A. Monroe and Associates, of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Gary A. Monroe and Associates has submitted an acceptable bid of $201.01 per acre for a total bonus of $1,441.25, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $288.25, on property belonging to the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations containing 7.17 acres more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $21.51. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $4.30 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR25-092.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-092 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-093, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County, McAlester Watershed

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of R. D. Williams & Company, of Ardmore, Oklahoma. R. D. Williams & Company has submitted an acceptable bid of $6,616.00 per acre for a total bonus of $4,234,240.00. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $1,058,560.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations containing 640.00 acres more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $1,920.00. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $480.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve GR25-093.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-093 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-094, Oil and Gas Lease in Atoka County, Tribal Tract 830

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Samson Resources Company, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Samson Resources Company has submitted an acceptable bid of $750.00 per acre for a total bonus of $60,000.00 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $15,000.00 on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations containing 160.00 acres more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $240.00. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $60.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve GR25-094.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-094 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-095, Oil and Gas Lease in LeFlore County, Tribal Tract 511-A

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Shields Energy, Inc., of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Shields Energy, Inc. has submitted an acceptable bid of $227.00 per acre for a total bonus of $3,307.39. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $826.85, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations containing 29.14 acres more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $43.71. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $10.93 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR25-095.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-095 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-096 Oil and Gas Lease in Latimer County Tribal, Tract 433

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Unit Petroleum Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Unit Petroleum Company has submitted an acceptable bid of $1,011.00 per acre for a total bonus of $111,210.00. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $27,802.50, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations containing 110.00 acres more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $330.00. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $82.50 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

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A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR25-096.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-096 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-097, Oil and Gas Lease in Coal County,

Scattered Tract 17

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Vernon L. Smith & Associates, Inc., of Norman, Oklahoma. Vernon L. Smith & Associates, Inc. has submitted an acceptable bid of $7507.07 per acre for a total bonus of $900,848.40. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $900,848.40, on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation containing 120 acres more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $360.00. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $360.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR25-097.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-097 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-098, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

McAlester Watershed

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of XTO Energy, Inc. of Fort Worth, Texas. XTO Energy, Inc. has submitted an acceptable bid of $5,445.00 per acre for a total bonus of $1,851,300.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $462,825.00 on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations containing 340.00 acres more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $1,020.00. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $255.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR25-098.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-098 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-099, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

McAlester Watershed

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of XTO Energy, Inc. of Fort Worth, Texas. XTO Energy, Inc. has submitted an acceptable bid of $5,445.00 per acre for a total bonus of $1,306,800.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $326,700.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations containing 240.00 acres more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $720.00. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $180.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR25-099.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-099 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-100, Authorization for Prospecting Permit in Atoka County

This resolution approves Prospecting Permit number G09-1685 in favor of Veritas DGC Land, Inc., of Houston, Texas for a prospecting permit across one property jointly owned by the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations for an access fee of $15.00 per acre for a total of $9,484.50. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $2,371.13, for a term of one year beginning with the date of approval.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR25-100.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-100 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 25-102, Correction to Legal Description in GR 25-043

Oil and Gas Lease in Atoka County Tribal Tract No. 702-A

This resolution corrects the legal description to the Oil and Gas Lease requested by R. D. Williams & Company, of Ardmore, Oklahoma. R. D. Williams & Company has submitted an acceptable bid of $1,897.17 per acre for a total bonus of $37,943.40, The Chickasaw Nation will receive $9,485.85, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations containing 40 acres more or less, for a primary term of three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $60.00. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $15.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR25-102.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-102 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

Announcements were made regarding Elder's Day and Cultural Evening.

AGENDA ITEM #7
NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Comments were made by Mrs. Alexander, Dr. Goforth Parker and Mr. Mike Watson.

AGENDA ITEM #8
ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
October 17, 2008

AGENDA ITEM #1
CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2
ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Member absent:
Steve Woods

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms

Guests present:
Michael L. Wingo, Wilma Pauline Watson, Mike T. Watson, Louis Burris, Tom Bolitho, Jeff O'Dell, Traile G. Glory

AGENDA ITEM #3
INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The floor was opened for nominations for Chairperson.

Ms. Easterling nominated Ms. Linda Briggs for Chairperson and Ms. Green seconded the nomination. Mr. Tim Colbert made a motion for nominations to cease and Ms. Briggs be declared Chairperson by acclamation. Ms. Easterling seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

The floor was opened for nominations for Secretary.

Ms. Easterling nominated Dr. Judy Goforth Parker for Secretary and Ms. Green seconded the nomination. Mr. Woerz made the motion for nominations to cease and Dr. Goforth Parker be declared Secretary by acclamation. All members were in favor of the motion.

Chairperson Briggs nominated Mrs. Doretta Sellers for Recording Secretary. Ms. Green second the nomination. All members were in agreement with the nomination.

Chairperson Briggs nominated Mr. Harold Stick for Sergeant-At-Arms. Ms. Green seconded the nomination. All members were in agreement with the nomination.

AGENDA ITEM #5
READING OF MINUTES - September 19, 2008

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to table the minutes of September 19, 2008.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to table the minutes of September 19, 2008 carried unanimously.

Minutes of August 15, 2008

A correction on page three of the August minutes were noted.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to amend the August 15, 2008 minutes as noted and approve as amended.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to amend the August 15, 2008 minutes as noted and approve as amended carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #6
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #7
REPORTS OF COMMIT-

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TEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

No report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 26-001, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, Mr. Mark Riesen

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Mark Riesen to another term of office on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission. His new term will begin on December 31, 2008 and end on December 31, 2011.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR26-001.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-001 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 26-002, Gubernatorial Reappointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, Mr. Claude Miller

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Claude Miller to fill a new term of office in the at-large seat on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission. The term shall begin on December 31, 2008, and will end on December 31, 2011.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR26-002.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-002 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 26-003, To Correct General Resolution 23-039 A Resolution Re-affirming General Resolution 23-023 (Authorizing an Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County)

This resolution re-affirms General Resolution 23-023 for the purpose of specifically identifying the complete legal description.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR26-003.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert,Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR26-003 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #8

NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Comments were made by Dr. Goforth Parker, Mr. Mike Watson and Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

AGENDA ITEM #9 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

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dition, Ada, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

Property Location:
2322 Arlington Blvd. Ada, OK 74820

Use: To be utilized as a building site for the NAHASDA program.

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-007

Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to accept real property in Ada, Pontotoc County Oklahoma, described as: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said NW/4 of NW/4 of Section 26; thence N 89º56'00" E along the North line of said Section 26, a distance of 1093.76 feet; thence S 00º02'23" E a distance of 62.38 feet; thence S 89º56'00" W a distance of 1093.73 feet to a point on the West line of said NW/4 of NW/4; thence N 00º04:00" W along said West line a distance of 62.38 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.566 acres, more or less.

Property Location:
Pontotoc County

Use: Firehouse for the Bureau of Indian Affairs

Purpose: Self-determination

Presented by:
Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-008

Authorization for Geophysical Permit in Marshall County

Explanation: This Resolution approves Geophysical Permit number G03-02-2007 in favor of Chesapeake Energy, Inc., 109 South First Street, Madill, Oklahoma 73446, for a geophysical permit across one (1) property owned by the Chickasaw Nation for an access fee of $10.00 per acre for a total of $11,740.00, for a term of six (6) months beginning with the date of approval.

Property Location: Marshall County

Presented by:
Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

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Winnie Lorene Bennett

Winnie Lorene Brown Bennett, 87, of Oakland, Okla., died Nov. 20, 2008 at the Brookside Nursing Center in Madill, Okla. She was born April 6, 1921 at Lebanon, Okla., to Calvin Douglas Brown and Alice Colbert Brown.

She married Robert Luther Bennett in 1942. He preceded her in death on July 7, 1971.

Mrs. Bennett lived in Marshall County her entire life, living the past 37 years in Oakland. She was a member of Nazarene Church in Madill, and attended the Chickasaw Senior Site in Oakland. She worked at the Madill Mfg Co., Madill Marshall Memorial Hospital, Brookside Nursing Center, Madill Public School, and Elmbrook Nursing Home in Ardmore, Okla. She enjoyed crafts, sewing, embroidery and hand quilting.

She was a full blood Chickasaw and was very proud of her tribal heritage.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, Calvin Dewayne Burris; a daughter, Alice Louise Burchett; a sister, Odelia Sealy; four brothers, Houston, James, Jess and Monroe Brown.

She is survived by a son, Robert Bennett and wife, Jody, of Ardmore; four daughters, Doris Bennett and Wanda Thompson, both of Oakland, Lorene Dinse, of Broken Bow, Okla., and Marie Saxon, of Lone Grove, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Nov. 24, 2008 at Watts Memorial Chapel, Madill, with Rev. Dan Clifton officiating. Interment was in Keel Cemetery, Madill.

Bearers were Michael Thompson, Ronald Thompson, Shawn Finnerty, Brett Finnerty, Douglas Burchett, Phillip Burchett and Norman Lynn.

Condolences may be sent to wattsfunerahome.com

Justin Kyle Poirier

Justin Kyle Poirier, 14, of Selah, Wash., died Aug. 5, 2008 due to a motor vehicle accident.

He was born Aug. 9, 1993 to Rickey Lee and Tracy Lynn (Mayer) Poirier at Bellevue, Wash.

He attended schools in Ellensburg, Wash., before moving to Selah one year ago.

Justin loved being with his family and many friends. He especially enjoyed playing video games, drawing and many outdoor activities including bike riding, rollerblading and camping.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Rodney Poirier; and great-grandfathers.

He is survived by his parents, Rickey and Tracy Poirier, of Selah; brothers, Patrick (Jennifer) Mayer, of Grangeville, Idaho, Corey Gomez and Devin Poirier, both of Ellensburg; five nieces; a nephew; grandparents, Doyle and Nora Mayer, of Yakima, Wash., and Larry and Marge Knox, of Selah; great-grandparents, Ruby Nelson, of Yakima, and Alice Mayer, of Cowiche, Wash.

Justin was the great-great-grandson of Nannie Wade Leslie, an original enrollee and the great-grandson of Maud Lee Leslie Mandrell.

A celebration of Justin's life was Aug. 12, at Selah Wixson Park.

Justin touched many lives. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

An account for the Justin Poirier Memorial Fund can be made at the Yakima Valley Credit Union.

Note of Thanks

To All the Friends and Relatives of Farron Culley,

Thank you for all the thoughtfulness you have shown us.

We, the Family of Farron Culley, would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who sent prayers, flowers, cards, special donations or just being with us during our beloved Farron' s illness and passing. Words cannot express how much we appreciate all the love and support we received. We did not have everyone's addresses or phone numbers to call or send cards, so we hope this will reach each and everyone who extended their love... We extend our Special Thanks for services provided by the Salt Creek Methodist Church, Prairie Springs Baptist Church, Buckeye Baptist Church, Mason School and Community, Okfuskee Indian Community, Muscogee(Creek) Nation, Okfuskee and Fish Pond Ceremonial Grounds, and the Chickasaw Nation.

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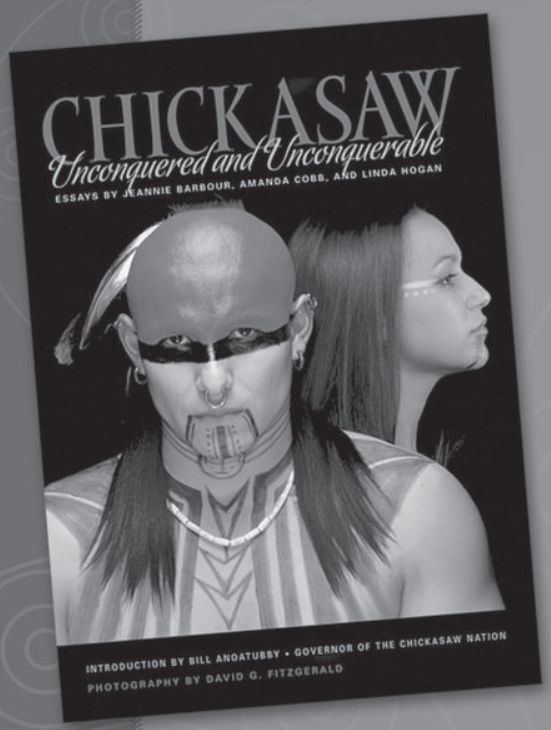

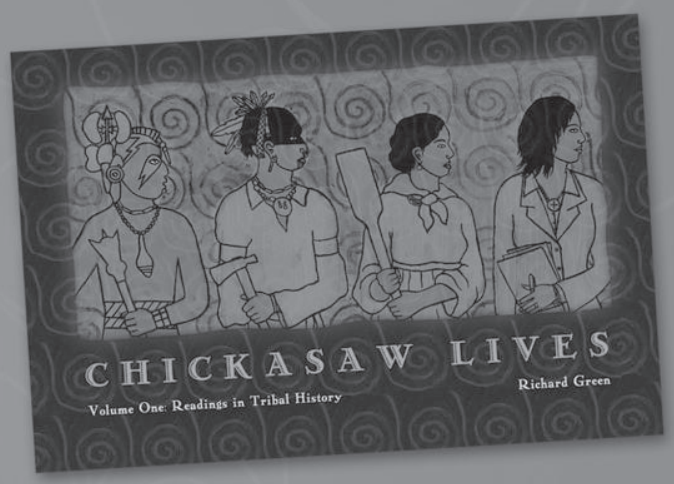

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- *Picked Apart the Bones* by Rebecca Hatcher Travis
- *They Know Who They Are* by Mike & Martha Larsen
- *Edmund Pickens (Okchantubby) First Elected Chickasaw Chief, His Life and Times* by Juanita Keel Tate

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Harold G. Hensley

Funeral services for Harold G. Hensley, 82, were Oct. 15, 2008 at the Harvey-Douglas Centennial Chapel with the Rev. Donny Custar officiating. Interment followed in Lone Grove (OK) Cemetery.

The son of Leonard Nathan and Bessie Bell Burris Hensley, he was born March 24, 1926, at Eastman. He died Oct. 11, 2008 at a local hospital surrounded by his loving wife of 60 years, his daughter, son-in-law and his beloved grandson, and dear friend, Marilu Valadez.

A graduate of Ardmore (OK) High School, Mr. Hensley served in the U.S. Navy during World War II on the USS Alhena AKA-9 and was honorably discharged. He and the former Roberta M. Nichols were married January 3, 1948, at Gainesville, Texas.

Mr. Hensley worked for the City of Ardmore at the water treatment plant, and owned a dry cleaning business there. He was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, a life member of VFW Post 4574, member of George R. Anderson Post 65 of American Legion, and proudly served as Chickasaw Nation Legislator for 13 years representing Pickens District.

He was preceded in death by a son, Larry in 1987; his parents; sisters, Beatrice Gooch and Opal Connley; and brothers, Bill and Abe Hensley.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; a daughter, Deborah Whitmore and her husband, Mark, of The Woodlands, Texas; two brothers, Jack and Kenneth Hensley, both of Ardmore; a sister, Jewel Hays, of Ardmore; and a grandson, Rhys Whitmore, of The Woodlands, Texas.

Bearers were Ken French, Ronnie Bloomfield, Hulen Musgraves, Joe Barnes, Ron Parker and Felix Copeland. Honorary bearers were Dan Walker and Ted Spurgeon.

Memorials may be made to the Emmanuel Baptist Church Building Fund.

Memorial condolences may be made online at www.hdouglasfuneralhome.com.

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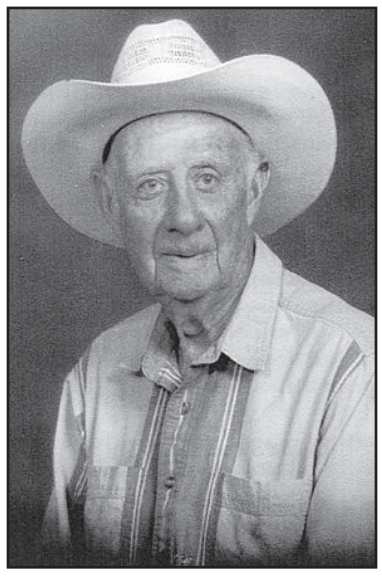

Jackson Dallas Little, 87, died Oct. 11, 2008 at his home near Madisonville, Texas. He was buried among his family in the Kemp (OK) Cemetery.

Mr. Little was born Oct. 17, 1920 to Jackson Hopkins Little and original enrollee Elsie Deliah Reynolds at Kemp.

He moved to Texas in 1945 where he worked at the Champion Paper Company in Pasadena until his retirement in 1978.

He was married to Kathryn Knight of Bokchito, Okla., from 1947 until her death in 1970.

Mr. Little was very proud of his Chickasaw heritage and often shared stories of growing up on the family farm during the Great Depression.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Doyle, Bill, Leetroy and James and three sisters, Effie, Avis and Kathryn.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Dorothea; two sons, Shelby Little, of Georgetown, Texas, and Dallas Dewayne Little, of Pasadena, Texas; two daughters, Sherry McCommon, of Pasadena and Jennifer Dabney, of Jackson, Miss.; a brother, Kenneth, of Denison, Texas; two sisters, Mildren Wilhelm, of Pasadena and Bobbie Richardson, of Jenks, Okla.; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

Lillian Carole Shaw

Lillian Carole Shaw, 87, died Oct. 1, 2008 at her home in Chino Hills, Calif.

She was born Sept. 1, 1921 at Ardmore, Okla., to Patrick Cleburn Rogers and Lillian Annie Burris Rogers.

She married Jack Shaw, of Ardmore, on June 11, 1941.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Penelope Sue Kobb; and a son, Karl Patrick.

She is survived by a sister, Patricia Proctor; three children, Pamela Shaw-Smith, Jack Shaw, and Paula Shaw; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A "Celebration of Life" was conducted Oct. 8, 2008 at Diamond Bar Country Club in Diamond Bar, Calif.

V.D. Mitchell

Funeral services for V.D. Mitchell, 82, were Nov. 12, 2008 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel, Purcell, Okla. Mr. Mitchell died Nov. 8, 2008 at his home in Purcell.

He was born March 28, 1926 to Forrest Bedford and Elizabeth Guess Mitchell.

Gunnery Sergeant V.D. Mitchell, USMC (Ret), served in the U.S. Marines for more than 20 years during three wars and was inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame. He served with distinction as a World War II rifleman and sniper. He fought his way through the Japanese islands of Saipan, Tinian and Okinawa and later served in China and on the frozen fields of Korea. He set several world records in shooting competitions, winning the National Service Rifle Championship in 1955 and 1958 and the Daniel Boone trophy, Dupont trophy and other awards.

After his retirement he was called back into service to share the secrets of his shooting skills with young marines in Vietnam.

He married Deloris Cardinal Nov. 29, 1949.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters; and a brother.

He is survived by his wife, Deloris Mitchell, of Purcell; a son David Lee and Melba Mitchell; a brother Herschell Mitchell; grandchildren, Christopher Mitchell and Elizabeth Mitchell and fiancé Robert Watts; and many others.

James G. "Chief Wolfe

Services for James G. "Chief" Wolfe, 74, of Thackerville, Okla., were Nov. 14, 2008, at the First Baptist Church of Thackerville with Robby Peyrot officiating. Interment followed in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Thackerville, with the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard participating.

Born October 17, 1934, in Ada, Okla., the son of Wallace and Josie Perry Wolfe, Mr. Wolfe died Nov. 11, 2008 at Mercy Memorial Health Center, Ardmore, Okla.

A resident of Thackerville since 1972, Mr. Wolfe had previously made his home in Gainesville, Texas. He graduated from high school in Chillicothe, Texas in 1954, and he and Gayle Ratliff were married in Chillicothe on Augc 2, 1957.

A veteran of the Korean Conflict, Mr. Wolfe served in the U.S. Army from November 1954 to November 1956. He retired from National Supply Company as a welder in 1987 and then worked as a welder building fences and barns. Mr. Wolfe had been employed by the Chickasaw Nation as a water works operator since 1991. He had also worked as a Love County Deputy Sheriff and as a security officer for Touso Ishto. One of his hobbies was raising Boer goats.

Mr. Wolfe enjoyed having his family around, especially his grandchildren, who were the highlight of his life. He attended the Thackerville First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and father-in-law, John Ratliff.

He is survived by his wife, Gayle Wolfe of the home; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin and Carol Wolfe, of Thackerville and Dirk and Jessica Wolfe, of Lone Grove, Okla.; a daughter, Kay Wolfe, of Thackerville; eight grandchildren, Justin, Jessica, Harley, Zoe, Brant, Dalton, Summer and Stevey; mother-in-law, Lenore Ratliff of Healdton, Okla.; three sisters-in-law, Dot Walker, of Lone Grove, Evelyn Cantwell, of Wilson, Okla., and Sharon Culver, of Healdton, Okla.; numerous nieces, nephews and friends, and several cousins.

Serving as bearers were Tim Robertson, Jimbo Stinson, Leonard Oney, Denny Moore, Danny Jones and Kevin Morrow.

Honorary bearers were Ann Hammons, Kelli McMillan, Cindy Brannan, Rhedonna Ralls, Dr. Vergil Smith, Jeanie Voyles, John Gardner, Wesley Smith, Ron Parker, Frank Johnson, Junior Hutchins, Bill Taylor, Hopper Roberson and the Chillicothe Class of 1954.

Memorials may be made to Cross Timbers Hospice c/o Flanagan-Watts Funeral Home – 100 East Main St. Marietta, OK 73448.

Online guest book: wattsfuneralhome.com